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25 May 25 | Kingdom Mathematics | Matt 20:1-16 | Geoff Smith

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation starter: “If you were promised a full day’s pay for just one hour of work, what would you do with the rest of your day?”
2. How should we interpret “the kingdom of heaven is like...” in verse 1, knowing that the literal kingdom is not yet established? What is Jesus illustrating here?
3. Who are the “labourers” in the vineyard?
4. The parable emphasizes equal payment regardless of hours worked. What does this suggest about God’s sovereign right to dispense rewards—and how does this differ from salvation?
5. How should we respond when God chooses to reward others in ways we didn’t expect or feel they deserve? What does that reveal about our attitude toward service and reward?
6. In this parable, Jesus addresses the disciples’ question from Matthew 19:27 about their reward. How does this affect your understanding of Christian service—not as a means of earning salvation, but of earning reward?
7. Considering that the kingdom is still future, how does the promise of future reward motivate you to faithfulness and humility in the present church age?
8. Jesus says “the last will be first, and the first last.” How might that principle relate to God’s future plans for Israel and the Church, and how does it apply to our current service and expectations in this present age?