



MAY 26, 2024
EVERYBODY'S A WINNER
MATTHEW 20:1-16

Introduction: "Everybody's a winner, and all must have prizes."

The Plot

The Characters: The Generous Landowner, The Envious Early Shift, the Equalized Late Shift

Conclusion: Who Are We?

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. We've said that there are many ways to interpret parables. As you read this parable together, who might you see as each of the characters?
2. What do we learn about God from this parable? About his Kingdom and how He wants things?
3. As you consider the early workers and the late workers- what do you learn about yourself and others from each of them? In what ways are you like the "envious early shift?" How have you experienced being like the late shift workers- feeling unwanted, without purpose?
4. How have you experienced God as the one who keeps seeking you, keeps coming to let you know He loves you and wants you?
5. What is one thing you want to do differently this week based on what you've talked about? Write a gratitude journal? Pray for help where you begrudge someone else's blessings? Ask God to help you see that He loves you and wants you?
6. Pray for each other as you ask God to help you live in gratitude for his grace and not to begrudge His blessing on others.

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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