

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 20:1-16

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. Who do you believe works harder and longer: (a) Mothers of preschoolers? (b) Attorneys? (c) Door-to-door sales reps? (d) Preachers? Why?

Getting us into Scripture

2. To what is the kingdom of heaven compared? Why is this parable told here (see 19:30 and 20:16)?
3. Why are identical wages given to both early and late workers? Who is discontent and why (vv. 10-12)? Is the land-owner's practice unjust, generous, or both? Why?
4. Who gets any less of God: The “eleventh hour” converts (Gentiles)? Or those who should have known God since the “first hour” (the Jews)?

Getting Scripture into us

5. How do you feel about recent converts getting the same benefits as you in the kingdom?
6. Would you recommend that people wait until just before they die to come to Christ, so that they won't have to work so hard or give up so much? Why?
7. Do you ever envy God's blessing on others? Why?