

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### AS TOLD BY JESUS – THE WORKERS

#### Key Scriptures:

**Matthew 20:1-16**

#### Discussion Questions: (Use as many as you want)

1. Read **Matthew 20:1-16** again. What do you notice first?
2. What is your reaction to the story? Indifferent, Angry? Why?
3. Imagine you were one of the early risers. How did you feel at first when the latecomers were given a day's wage? How did you feel later on when you were paid the same thing?
4. Suppose you were one of the latecomers? How did you feel about the situation?
5. What do you think about the owner of the vineyard? Is he just? Generous? A good businessman?
6. Is Jesus trying to teach us how to run a business?
7. Who do the different characters in the story represent?
8. What do you think is the main point Jesus was trying to make?
9. What do you think he meant by the phrase, "Many that are last shall be first, and the first last?" How does this relate to the kingdom of heaven?
10. Is it better to be an early riser or a late comer in the kingdom of heaven?
11. Who do you identify with in the story - the early risers? the late comers? Why?
12. What type of person needs to hear this story the most? What do you think Jesus' intent was in telling it?
13. How would you apply this story to your life?

#### Next Steps:

At the end of the service, Chad challenged us with a guided prayer (ACT) to change the focus of our prayers. As a group, make a commitment to pray this way this week. Then prepare to come back and discuss the impact praying this way had on you.