

Invited to Work in the Vineyard
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Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LOOK

Our understanding of the concept of fairness develops early in childhood in our families, communities, and through life experiences.

1. How did you learn about fairness as a child?
2. How has your understanding of fairness (or lack thereof) evolved?

BOOK *Matthew 20:1-16*

1. How is God's economy different from our economy?
2. If you change the word "idle" to "uninvited" or "left behind" how does that change your understanding of this passage?
3. We can find some of ourselves in each of the characters in Jesus' parables. Pick a character and note why and how you identify with it.

TOOK

Rev. Lisa suggested that Jesus was all about agitating the system and upsetting the status quo. This parable is meant as a challenge to love our neighbor - even the ones - or especially the ones - that came late to the vineyard.

1. It is 5pm in the vineyard. Who has been left behind all day and needs an invitation to join you in the labor?
2. What does that labor look like for you? Is there a ministry within or beyond the church that interests you?