



Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4

Looking Back . . .

Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard
Monday	Genesis 27:1-29	Isaac Blesses Jacob
Tuesday	Genesis 28:10-17	Jacob's Dream at Bethel
Wednesday	Isaiah 41: 1-13	Israel Assured of God's Help

Looking Ahead . . .

Thursday	Psalm 25: 1-9	Prayer for Guidance and Deliverance
Friday	Acts 13: 32-41	The Apostles Preach in Cyprus
Saturday	Mark 11: 27-33	Jesus' Authority Questioned
Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	The Authority of Jesus Questioned

What is Equitable?

The parable from Matthew 20 is perplexing as it can be "heard" and understood from many vantage points in our society. We have a culture that ties work ethic to financial security and stability, yet this is often not actually the case for many in our country or world. Many people in many countries work 12, 15 or more hours a day just to have a little to eat and maybe shelter. Even in the United States, minimum wage workers need to work 50-60 hours a week just to meet basic needs for their families. When we look at our neighbor either next door or across the world do we see them as competition for resources or are we making sure that they have enough?

This week as a household, intentionally think about letting other people be "first." Perhaps it's in line at a store, serving someone their meal first, picking up trash from a neighbor's yard, making cookies and giving them away to a friend or neighbor, or saving all the household's change from the week and giving it to World Hunger or Bread for the World (or any charity).

Faith on the Go



Thank you for all that we have today. We are grateful for this food that we eat, for the clean water that we drink and for a safe place to live. May we share what we have with other people. Your generosity of love, grace and mercy are for all and we pray for all people to live in this abundance. In Jesus' name. Amen.



When did you see God's generosity today?
When did you receive God's generosity today?



Matthew 20:1-16—The Laborers in the Vineyard

Day 1

Matthew 20:1
What work are you doing for God right now? What labor would Jesus ask you to provide?

Day 2

Matthew 20:2-7
How has your faith changed in your life? Have there been times that you were more willing to be faithful? Were there times when Jesus had to come looking for you?

Day 3

Matthew 20:8-10
How does this payment system make you feel? Does it seem unfair, or does it seem like justice to you?

Day 4

Matthew 20:11-14
How do you feel when you see a baby or a child get baptized?
How do you feel when you see an adult get baptized?

Day 5

Matthew 20:15-16
Are you ever jealous when someone is generous with others, but not with you? Why or why not?



God chooses you with love and mercy.