

## THE STORY

### Chapter 10: A Generous God – Matt 20:1-13 Chuck Larsen, November 14, 2010

**Matthew 19:27-30 (ESV)** Then Peter said in reply, See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have? Jesus said to them...everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

#### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 20:1-7 (ESV)** For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you, so they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You go into the vineyard too.

**Matthew 9:37 (ESV)** Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...

#### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 20:8-9 (ESV)** And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first. And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (ESV)** For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong...

**Deuteronomy 24:15 (ESV)** You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the LORD, and you be guilty of sin.

**Leviticus 19:13 (ESV)** You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

#### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 20:1-12 (ESV)** Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.

**Numbers 14:27 (ESV)** How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.

#### 4. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CALLER

**Matthew 20:13-15 (ESV)** But he replied to one of them, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?

**Matthew 20:16 (ESV)** So the last will be first, and the first last.