

~ **KINGDOM LABOR LAWS** ~

EQUAL PAY FOR UNEQUAL WORK

Matthew 20:1-16 - continued

INTRODUCTION: Last week in our introductory comments we asked - why do I serve the Lord? - and - Is Jesus Christ enough? Prior to getting into the Parable of the Laborers and the Vineyard, we looked at the biblical doctrine of rewards followed by the key principle that legalism hinders rewards in the life of a believer. Listen once again to the words of Jim Elliot who was martyred in the jungles of Ecuador along with four of his missionary friends - "*He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.*" The words of CT Studd also ring true in light of our message this morning - "*If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.*" You will recall the words of David Livingstone on his return to Africa saying that we should do away with the word sacrifice for any service we can render to our Lord and replace it with the word privilege. Two things you can do with your life - You can give it away, or, you can throw it away - but you can't keep it for yourself. So once again as we look at our Lord's parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard we ask the question - "Why do I serve the Lord - Is Jesus Christ enough?"

A. THE PROMISE OF REWARDS - 19:28-30

B. THE _____ ABOUT REWARDS - 20:1-16

1. THE GRACIOUS _____ - 20:1-7

A. THE _____ CREW - 20:1-2

B. THE _____ CREWS - 20:3-7

2. THE GENEROUS _____ - 20:8-10

A. THE _____ CREW FIRST - 20:8-9

B. THE _____ CREW LAST - 20:10

3. THE GRUMBLING _____ - 20:11-12

4. THE GRAPHIC _____ - 20:13-16