



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Series: Following Jesus into Relationships

Sermon: Gaining Jesus' Perspective on Work Relationships

Recap the Highlights: Matthew 20:1-16

1. How do we see our **"Work"**?
 - a. We must see our work as being ordained by God to develop the Fruits of the Spirit **IN** us and display God's glory **THROUGH** us toward others!
2. How do we see **Others**?
 - a. vs. 12, "Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat."
3. How do we see **Ourselves**?
 - a. vs. 11, "When they received their pay, they protested (grumbled NASB) to the owner."
4. How do we see **Jesus** in relationship to our work environment?
 - a. vs. 11 "When they received it, they grumbled **at** the landowner..."
 - b. Vs. 12 "These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and **you** have **made them equal to us** who have born the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

The origin of our discontentment is not what someone else has – so stop **Comparing**.

The origin of our discontentment is not what you don't have – so stop **Complaining**.

You'll never be satisfied with WHAT you have until you are content with WHO you are in Christ.

Now Dig Deeper:

1. Considering that 80% of Americans are dissatisfied with their jobs, What do you feel is the core of the issue here? Are you one of these people?
2. Talk about a time where your character grew as a result of going through a challenging time in your career.
3. Are there ways that you currently compare yourself to others? How can you work to improve yourself so that you don't compare yourself as much?
4. How can you intentionally work to improve your perspective about work and the people you work with?

Respond & Pray:

- Pray as a group to be fulfilled with the Holy Spirit to reveal to you ways that you can grow closer to Christ and have a better perspective in your work place.