

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 16

- 4) What thoughts do you imagine filled the heads of those who were paid first? (vv. 8-9) What is the emphasis? (Titus 3:4-7)

- 5) At the same time, what thoughts do you suppose filled the heads of those who were hired first when they saw the amounts paid to the workers hired after them? What is the emphasis? (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 4:1-5)

- 6) The first workers hired were unhappy toward who? [*Note: it is more than 1!*] (vv. 11-12)

- 7) Look up "hireling" in a dictionary. Have you ever heard the expression of one having a "hireling spirit?" How does this parable expose such an undesirable disposition?

- 8) Many believe the parable discusses those who come to the Lord in all stages of life. Do you believe the surrounding context supports that understanding?

- 9) What is the parable's *main* lesson?