



# Small Group Study Guide for March 15, 2020

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme: God's Generosity:** We all want more. This parable challenges us because at the end of the day it's not anything we have or earned that matters. We are all equal through the generous grace of God through Jesus on the cross.

## **Getting Started:**

1. What are some things you are thankful for right now?

## **In the Word: Read Matthew 20:1-16**

2. Jesus frames this parable with two statements in chapter 19:30 and 20:16. What are these statements?
3. What was the purpose of the landowner to go into the marketplace?
4. In verses 1 and 2 we read that the Landowner hired some workers to work for the whole day. What does he come to an agreement with them on?
5. How many times does the landowner go to the marketplace to hire people?
6. Read verses 6 and 7, what is the difference between the workers who were hired last and those hired first?

7. What did each worker receive at the end of the day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How did the workers who were hired first respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Read verses 12-15. What does the master have to say to the workers who were hired first?

### **Putting it all Together**

10. When have you experienced something that you believed to be unfair?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How do we as Christians view one another in light of this parable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. At the end of the day we are all equal because of what Christ has done for us. How can you respond in light of God's gracious generosity?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father. You are our peace. You give us comfort in times of distress. Be with us now as the world around us is in distress. Help us to be a calming presence to those around us and give us comfort and Peace knowing that you are gracious and merciful. You sent your only Son into the world to be our peace. Watch over us in this time. This we ask in your Son's name. Amen.

**Next Week – A Sad, Rich Young Man:** Jesus challenges us to confront our idols and renounce them, so we can receive the gift of grace found in our only Savior and Lord.

**\*\*NOTE:** Over the course of the next few weeks there will still be small group study guides. However, we encourage you to use your best judgment on whether your group will decide to gather together.