

Laborers in the Vineyard

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus used many commonplace things to teach spiritual lessons



Householder went out to **HIRE** Laborers

- Offered an incentive to get men to work in his vineyard
- Did not try to scare men into his vineyard
- Did not try to force men into his vineyard
- Wanted volunteers
- Agreed to give them wages if they would work in his vineyard



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- Jesus wants us in His vineyard
 - **Matthew 11:28-30**
- Those outside Christ will not find rest
 - **Revelation 22:14**
- To get into the vineyard of Jesus we must do His commandments
 - **Matthew 7:21**



Householder went out to hire **LABORERS**

- He did not want loafers
 - **John 9:4**
- Our opportunity for work will soon be gone
 - **1 Corinthians 15:58**
 - **Philippians 2:12**
- Christians must work it out!
 - **James 2:14, 17, 26**



Householder went out to hire Laborers **INTO HIS VINEYARD**

- Makes a difference where the work is done
 - **Must be done in the right vineyard**
- Must look to the one for whom we work for
 - **Colossians 3:17**
- The faithful Christian ensures that they are working in the Lord's vineyard



The Laborers Went at the **FIRST** Opportunity

- Worked in the vineyard at different hours
 - They did **NOT** turn down the invitation
- All are encouraged to obey the Master's call at the very first opportunity
 - Some refuse to come to Jesus
 - Some wait until it is eternally too late
 - Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

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- Remember these four great lessons:
 - The householder went out to **HIRE** laborers
 - The householder went out to hire **LABORERS**
 - The householder went out to hire laborers **INTO HIS VINEYARD**
 - The laborers went at the **FIRST** opportunity

Won't you volunteer now to labor in the vineyard of Christ?