



1. Read the Parable of laborers in the vineyard from Matthew 20:1-16 and answer the following questions.

Who are the main characters on the story?

What do the workers who came early complain about?

Why is the vineyard owner justified in his actions toward all those he hired?

What does it mean that the last will be first and vice versa? (v. 16)

Who do the characters in the story represent on a spiritual level?

How might this verse apply to the Jews and Gentiles?

How does this parable apply to you?

2. Why is the doctrine of *sola fide* (faith alone) so important to a biblical understanding of the gospel?
3. Describe what it means for you personally that you can obtain righteousness before God simply by faith in Christ, not by works of the law?
4. Why might some people stumble over the cross? Why might you?