

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

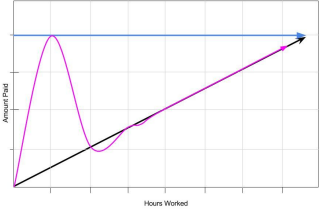
8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Body - B, Music - S, People - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Pay must be commensurate with labor - in this parable the pay IS the labor.	Internships - exposure and experience but no money. The economics of fairness suggests justice is blind and at work through	Pie charts would be helpful to illustrate these two economies. Like this one , maybe ;-)

		<p>simple math. X hours for Y pay. In this parable, God seems to be operating through the economics of need where everyone receives precisely what they need - like manna.</p> <p>Workers think they are hourly, but it turns out everyone is on salary.</p> <p>“There is nothing to be earned in God's economy. There is only God's generosity freely spent -- on us.” Elizabeth Johnson, WP</p>	<p>Or this one.</p> <p>Or this:</p>  <p>(See below for larger image)</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic D2</p>	<p>Vs. 15 - “Envious” has also been translated as “evil eye”</p>	<p>The eye is the lamp of the body - if it is healthy you will be filled with light (metaphorically and literally). If it is unhealthy (<i>ophthamlos poneros</i>), you will be in darkness.</p>	<p>If you still have any eclipse glasses lying about, hand them out and have people put them on to experience all light filtered out - it is truly dark wearing those if you are not looking at the sun! (See [ha!] also EYE)</p> <p>Also, these images of “stink eye”</p> <p>And these.</p>
<p>Musical MWD</p>			<p>Do you know a drummer? Invite said drummer to punctuate the story with drum SFX. For example, mentions of time would get a woodblock ticking. Or perhaps an increasing tempo paradiddle for vss. 2-6.</p> <p>Verse 8 when the workers get called in to be paid is a triangle/dinner bell</p> <p>Verse 10 when the first workers discover they are getting what they had</p>

			<p>contracted for instead of what they thought they should get gets rimshot-cymbal (badoom-CHING!). Vs. 11 - they grumbled → drumroll. Etc.</p>
Natural	<p>Habakkuk: “Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord.”</p>		
<p>People - Interpersonal D2</p>	<p>There is nothing to be earned in God's economy. There is only God's generosity freely spent -- on us. Elizabeth Johnson, WP</p>	<p>“Fewer hours clocked does not lessen one's status as a laborer in the kingdom, either now or in eternity.” Ira Brent Driggers, WP</p> <p>“A conservative is a liberal who has been mugged, and a liberal is a conservative who has been arrested.” Our perspective on justice depends a lot on our own circumstances and opinions about what others deserve. There is nothing in the parable to suggest the ninth hour workers are lazy - they may be unwanted and yet the landowner sent them in to work his vineyard.</p> <p>* “The parents of an 18-year-old and an 11-year-old do not love the 18-year-old more because the older child has been in the family vineyard longer. God does</p>	<p>Karl Jacobson at WP suggests two things come out of this parable regarding the 10th commandment.</p> <p>“We covet what God chooses to give to others.</p> <p>We covet God's power to forgive and God's control over who is forgiven.”</p> <p>Break into smaller groups and discuss how the 10th commandment plays out in this parable. And any others, too!</p> <p>Break into groups and discuss the “worthiness” of those who come first versus the “worthiness” of those who come later, using the illustrations given by Kocher.</p> <p>In the same vein, if it is a communion day, during</p>

		<p>not delight in the marriage of two 25-year-olds more than in the marriage of two 65-year-olds simply because the younger couple may have a longer time together. Time plus effort does not translate into just reward in the economy of God's kingdom. Like love, grace does not depend on the worthiness of the one receiving it.”</p> <p>Craig Kocher, The Christian Century</p>	<p>the sermon invite forward a venerable old member and a young member. Consider with the congregation, should the younger receive less bread at communion? Or only bread but no wine? The correct answer here is “no,” btw.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Last first and first last</p> <p>Jesus is first and last and last and first</p>	<p>First and last - reminds me of a video one of my mother's neighbors took of a massive herd of elk crossing a road. It seemed never ending and we began to wonder if they were circling back around to cross the road again just to mess with our heads!</p> <p>Vs. 15b - U MAD? U MAD BRO gifs</p>	<p>We are literally living in a sphere of grace where Jesus goes before, comes after, and right along beside.</p> <p>Give everyone a ball - you can find balls at the Dollar Store - and have them keep it on their person for the next week as a reminder of this sphere of grace.</p>

