

## CORRECTION

After teaching through the passage of Matthew 20:1-16 a good friend offered to me another option of understanding the point of the parable. It was sort of funny because I had heard this interpretation in seminary, but had forgotten it. Anyway, it was evident right away that this fit better with the passage and I had misinterpreted the parable. Here is a short synopsis of what I now believe to be the correct interpretation of the parable.

The first and last statements were meant to show that God doesn't play favorites among His children. It is as if there is no first or last. The workers were all paid the same wages. And God gives us all the same wage, forgiveness of sin and the blessing of being with Him forever. After all, none of us has any basis for being favored by God. We are all equally deserving of God's wrath. As I have heard it said, the ground at the foot of the cross is level. The same is true in Heaven.