

5/6/18 | The Workers in the Vineyard

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 6:23 | NIV



DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever considered switching jobs for more pay? Did the other job look easier? What did you decide?
2. Consider this idiom. Have you

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

 heard it before? What does it mean to you? Is it true? Why or why not?

Gifts and Wages

3. Read Romans 6:23. What is the difference between wages and a gift? What are the wages we earn in this verse? What is the gift that God promises in this verse?
4. Read Romans 5:15-17. Whose actions brought about the gift of God? Who can receive this gift? What is the gift?
5. Read John 4:10-14. What is the gift that Jesus mentions in this passage?
6. What is the value of eternal life? Why does it matter that eternal life comes from God and doesn't depend on our effort? Can we ever earn more eternal life by how much we follow God? Can we ever earn less eternal life?
7. Do you think you should be able to earn less or more of God's gift? Should other people be able to earn less or more?
8. How does talking about gifts connect to the parable of the

vineyard workers? What would change if you think of their pay as a gift instead of wages? What stood out to you from the parable? What stood out to you from the sermon?

9. Read Romans 4:1-5. What does this passage mean? Are we supposed to not work? What are we called to do in these verses? How does that connect with the parable?
10. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How much do we control God's gift of salvation? Why does that matter?
11. What does Jesus give his sheep in John 10:28? Can anyone take that away? How would you rate the "gift security" (as opposed to job security!) of God's salvation for you? Would this change if you had to earn it for yourself?

TAKE AWAY:

Love God completely, love yourself correctly, and love your neighbor compassionately.