

# Treasure Hunt

- What was Peter's attitude when he heard the Lord's teaching about giving up everything?
- What is associated with the repeated promise of reward in the Bible?
- When will we be rewarded for the things we have given up for the Lord, and how will he reward us?
- In the parable, what is the difference in the agreement made with the first workers, and with the later ones?
- How does the response of the first group of workers relate to the context of the parable?
- Contrast what the Lord promised the later workers with how he actually treated them.
- Explain how each of the morals in v. 16 relates to the parable.

# Life in the Kingdom

## 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom

### 17:22-18:35 Final Lessons in Galilee

17:22 while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said ...

**Private instruction** to the disciples

Common theme: **offense to others**

**17:22-23 Second passion prediction**

**17:24-27 The disciple and the Temple**

**18:1-35 Relations with other disciples**

### 19:1-20:16 Teaching by the way

19:1 Jesus ... departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan

**Public instruction**, involving the multitudes (v.2)

Common theme: **ruling ourselves**

**19:3-12 Divorce: Lust of the Flesh**

**19:13-15 Little Children: Pride of Life**

**19:16-20:15 Riches: Lust of the Eyes**

# Our Promised Reward

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And **the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

2Ti 2:12 If we **suffer**, we shall also **reign** with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were **beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they **lived and reigned** with Christ a thousand years.

# The Hundredfold Return

When is the reward?

Mar 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold **now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Luk 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, 30 Who shall not receive manifold more **in this present time**, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Our Lord's Example:

Mat 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. 47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. 48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

# Sharing in the NT Church

In Jerusalem:

Act 2:44 And all **that believed** were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Act 4:32 And the multitude of them **that believed** were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Start and end of Paul's ministry:

Act 11:27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

2Co 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; ... 3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ... 13 For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality: 15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

Rom 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. 27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

# Righteous vs. Good

The promise:

Mat 20:4 (cf. 7) Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is **right δίκαιος** I will give you.

The action:

Mat 20:14 I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am **good αγαθος**?

An example:

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a **righteous δίκαιος** man will one die: yet peradventure for a **good αγαθος** man some would even dare to die.

# Two Morals

The last shall be first ...

1Co 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Cor 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. 10 *We are* fools for Christ's sake, but *ye are* wise in Christ; *we are* weak, but *ye are* strong; *ye are* honourable, but *we are* despised. 11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; 12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: 13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Many be called, but few chosen

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

2Jo 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

# Comparing the Three Episodes

Choice	Soul: Lust of Flesh	Heart: Pride of Life	Abundance: Lust of Eyes
Outsiders	Pharisees	Children	Young man
Disciples	10-12	13-14	19:23-20:15
Divine enabling	19:11 But he said unto them, <i>All men</i> cannot receive this saying, save <i>they</i> to whom it is given.	19:13 Then were there brought unto him ... 18:3 Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.	19:26 But Jesus beheld <i>them</i> , and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.