
Matthew Chapter 20

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever heard kids saying, “No fair!” Why do kids say that? Have you ever said something like that? Do you think life should be fair? Why/why not?

- b. Is there anything the average person can do to make life more fair for everyone? Explain.

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

The former 6th grade teacher at my kid’s school was famous for always saying, “life isn’t fair, get over it!” In this passage Jesus talks about how God is unfair in some ways. To do this Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard workers. In this parable the people who worked only an hour at the end of the day received just as much pay as the people who worked all day long. What do you think is the point Jesus is trying to make?

Do you think this is why some people say they will live life as they please and try things they know are wrong but sound fun, and then give their lives to God when they are older? What do you think is wrong with this type of logic?

Do you think the world is really more fun than following God? Explain.

What would you say to a friend that is deciding to get involved in things that you both know are not right? How would you try and convince them that following Jesus is better?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

Have a discussion with some friends and your youth leaders and/or Pathfinder leaders and put together some ideas for telling others why living for God for your entire life is the best and most meaningful way to live. Make notes or write it out word for word and memorize it so that you will be prepared to share these thoughts with others when you have opportunity. Be careful not to be preachy! Be loving, practical and convincing.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

Spend some time praying for friends and others you know who are not following Jesus right now. Pray that the things of the world will not be satisfying and pray for the Holy Spirit to convict these people of God's love and care for them. Then help answer your own prayers by reaching out and being loving and kind to these people rather than being judgmental.