Parables Jesus Told #3

"Workers in the Vineyard"

Matthew 20:1-16

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***Hear** the story*

Shock 1 – Foreman appears

- impartial foreman paying the wages

Shock 2 – 'the wage'

Shock 3 – the order of payment

– the lasts are paid first, firsts are paid last…

The Landowner

Compassion for the unemployed

Friend – “Mate”

Unfair?

The cry of equal pay for equal work is always from those who are underpaid – it is not about being overpaid!!

v15 Can’t I do what I want with my own money?

v16 The lasts become firsts by sheer grace, not by work performed. The firsts become lasts because of a bloated self-consciousness, not from a failure to do good works.

Will you be grumbling against the landowner?

Write your own ending …

The incomprehensible grace of God!!!