

## Getting Started

1. What do you like to eat for lunch? Do you change it up or do you go with what is tried and true?
2. What in this world seems unfair to you? Explain.
3. Do you tell stories to help get your point across?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 117:

#### **Q. How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?**

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,<sup>1</sup> so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 14:17 <sup>2</sup> John 17:3; 1 Cor. 2:9

Why will heaven be different from what we imagine it to be?

6. The last words uttered by Jesus at the end of this parable are similar to what he says in Matthew 19:30. Read Matthew 19:16-30. Does the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard meaning hinge on what Jesus says in Matthew 19:16-30?
7. Our understanding of time is different from God's (2 Peter 3:8). Read Luke 12:54-56. Does the time described in this parable matter?
8. This parable could have been spoken to Peter, James and John since he was talking to Peter before the parable and James and John after. These men were the first called by Jesus in Matthew 4:18-22. If it is spoken to these three disciples does it change the meaning?

## Application

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## Parables of Jesus

### “That’s Not Fair”

And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

Matthew 20:11, 12

- **The world is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **God does not \_\_\_\_\_ how we think he should \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **God saves us by \_\_\_\_\_, not by our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Topics: Fairness, grace, sin