

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing God's Goodness?
Matthew 20:1-16

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8a)

I. Now Hiring! (vs. 1-7)

II. When the Quitting-Time Whistle Blows - Everyone is Surprised (vs. 8-16)

Points to Ponder:

- 1) When has goodness shown to another been the occasion of anger or despair in our life? Why do we find it so difficult to rejoice over the good that enters other people's lives, and why do we spend time calculating how we have been cheated? The answers we give to the to the last two questions might help to explain why we, at times, are blind to God's goodness (or at least entertain doubts concerning it).
- 2) Think with me how our life might be different if we were convinced of, and amazed at, God's goodness.
- 3) Have we responded by the call of David? *"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Ps. 34:4)*

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Matthew 21:28-32** 'Am I Missing the Accountability for What I've Heard?'

