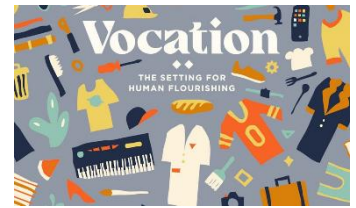


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for February 9, 2025
VOCATION: Reordered



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** with each other
 - Share a time when you experienced something unexpected, and you benefitted from it.
- **GROW** in Christ (Read the following scripture from **Matthew 20: 1-16**)

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius (days wage of a day laborer) for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What surprised you about the way that the landowner paid the workers?
- Was the way that the landowner paid the workers fair?
- If the Landowner represents God, how might this parable be teaching about God’s grace?
- What might Jesus be teaching His disciples about the Kingdom of Heaven/God in this parable?
- Prior to the Reformation the church taught that there was a sharp distinction between what they referred to as “sacred” and “secular vocations (types of work), how might this parable teach that in the Kingdom of Heaven/God there is no such distinction?
- What does verse 16 say about God’s ways as compared with man’s ways?
- How did Luther’s rediscovery of justification by faith change how vocations were viewed?
- **SERVE** others

Who might God want you to share the truth about justification (salvation) by faith rather than works with? Look for opportunities and do that!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**