

**Lesson #1-24****LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD**

Matthew 20:1-16

**Key Verse:**

“The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16

The Point:

God wants us to live generously.

Unit Theme (February 22—March 26)

The Ways of the Kingdom

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Begin a project to help your community

Supplies:

† Nothing

Preparation:

1. For the remainder of Lent, challenge worshippers (participants) to practice service by participating in a donation drive. Choose a recipient organization, gather information about the people who will benefit, and ask for a list of the most needed items.
2. Determine where you will put the items when worshippers bring them. Ideally, these could be placed in a visible location as a visual reminder of this focus on service.
3. Consider setting a goal for donated items.

Instructions:

1. **As we journey through Lent and approach Easter, we learn more about God and God’s kingdom. Jesus was the ultimate model of service, and we are called to serve others. Our actions in helping and serving others make this world become a little more like God’s kingdom.**
2. Introduce the Lenten donation drive and give all important details. Encourage everyone to participate as they are able.
3. **God has given us so much, including forgiveness. God wants us to share these gifts. We learn in today’s lesson to share forgiveness, but we are also invited to share what we have with those in need, to serve others as we embody the values of God’s kingdom.**