## Theme: LABOUR AND PROMISE

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen".

## Texts: Mathew 20:1-7; Mark10:28-30; 1 Corinthians3:9-14

At various times of the day, labourers were hired to work in the vineyard. The last group was hired at the eleventh hour of the day, not because they were lazy but because no man hired them earlier. A lesson here for Christian leaders is that none should be left idle in the household of faith. God has no useless child or servant. Believers are not expected to be idle today. We cannot complain that nobody hired us because the Lord has hired every one of us, commanding "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

They were all sent into the vineyard. Believers are to go from the four corners of the church to the four corners of the world. The labourers in the parable were promised wages of a penny. The penny in Jesus day was the daily wages enough for a day's work. Those that were hired were available and ready for service. Only those that are available and ready to serve should be given responsibilities in the Lord's vineyard.

Those who feel that they are talented and indispensable will not profit the work. They should be left alone. The Lord is not unfaithful. He rewards our labour of love in His service. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). All those who fail to go the field to gather fruits because nobody gave them titles in the church are not excusable.

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| MON. | Gen. 16 | Mt. 16 |
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