



September 24, 2023,

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 20:1-16

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Gracious God, you call us all into your holy work, and reward according to your generosity, rather than our deserving. Give us the same heart of generosity toward others, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:14-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus told a parable that was hard to hear. Laborers hired at the end of the day were paid the same as the laborers that toiled all day long. But God's generosity is good news if you came late to the game.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Where are wages just and where are they unjust within your community? What would happen if Jesus' idea of abundant generosity was played out in your community?

What difference does it make to your life that you have been given abundant, unearned, generous love from God?

For the littles: What does it feel like to get more than you were expecting? God is a generous giver—God gives us much more than we expect!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God surprise you with more. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Be an extravagant tipper this week. Notice how practicing abundant generosity changes you.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16
Tuesday, Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20
Wednesday, Psalm 119:97-104; Num. 11:18-23, 31-32; Matt. 18:1-5
Thursday, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16
Friday, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41
Saturday, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33