



**“Aha Moments About Jesus – His Parables.” February 1, 2015, page 2.**

## **Going Deeper**

1. Read Matthew 20:1-16
  - a. What two things did the landowner do that was just?
  - b. What did the landowner do that was merciful?
  - c. The parable tells us how the “first hired” workers felt when they were paid a denarius. How do you think the “last hired” workers felt when they received the same amount of pay from the landowner? What impact do you hope the landowner’s generous compassion had on their spirits, on their families, and on the way they viewed the landowner and others.
2. Read Matthew 19:16 and 19:25. By relating the parable back to the important questions that were asked by the rich man and Peter in the previous chapter, we learned the difference between a merit/reward based theology and a mercy/grace based faith.
  - a. Why is it so important to reject a merit based faith and to embrace a mercy based faith?
  - b. Do you know anyone who is struggling with these two systems right now? Have you experienced this struggle or tension in your own life?
3. Is there anything you need or want to do as a result of what you heard and learned this week?