

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 20 (December 31, 2025)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. In what ways might we be tempted to measure our spiritual worth by the amount or visibility of our work rather than by our faithfulness to what God has asked of us?
2. How does the parable of the laborers challenge our natural human tendency to compare our service and rewards with those of other believers?
3. What does it mean to be a 'doer of the word' rather than just a hearer, and what practical steps can you take this week to examine Scripture like the Bereans?
4. Why do you think Jesus told His disciples three times about His coming death and resurrection, yet they still seemed not to fully understand what was about to happen?
5. How does the mother of James and John's request reveal our own misunderstandings about greatness and position in God's kingdom?
6. What does it look like in practical terms to have a true servant's heart in your current life circumstances, workplace, or ministry?
7. The blind men persisted in crying out to Jesus despite the crowd's rebuke. When have you felt discouraged from seeking God, and how can their example encourage you to persist?
8. How does recognizing Jesus as both Lord and Son of David demonstrate a complete understanding of who He is, and why is this dual acknowledgment important for our faith?
9. In what ways might pursuing fame, recognition, or prominent positions in ministry actually place us last rather than first in God's economy of rewards?
10. What does it mean to have both your spiritual eyes and physical eyes opened, and how can we pray for God to open the eyes of our hearts to see what He desires us to see?