

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter 20

- Why is it important to connect the last verse of the previous chapter to the parable of the workers in the vineyard?
- What is the primary message Jesus wanted to convey with this parable?
- The owner of the vineyard is clearly an illustration of God the father. What do the comments of the owner to the workers teach us about the character of God?
- How does Jesus' statement about the first and the last relate to this parable?
- Jesus predicted His death again in 20:17–19. What additional details did He give this time?
- How did the disciples respond?
- What word best describes the motivation of James and John's mother's request concerning her sons?
- Jesus' question in Matthew 20:32, "What do you want?" can be applied to us today. How would you answer that question and what would your answer say about you?
- How did Jesus define greatness in the Kingdom of God?
- What does the story of the healing of the blind men tell you about God's character?
- What challenges did the men have to overcome to get Jesus' attention?
- What character traits do you see in these two men that are admirable and an example to all believers?