

# Answer the Call

## Profound Stories – Part 6

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*1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*Matthew 11:28(ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*Revelation 3:20 (ESV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

*Mark 1:15 (ESV) and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

### 1. Answer God’s call to \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 20:1-2 (ESV) “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*

#### 1A. Life without God is \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 20:3-5 (ESV) And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.*

#### 1B. God calls at different \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 20:6-7 (ESV) And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’*

### 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ those who respond

*Matthew 20:8-9 (ESV) And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.*

#### 2A. Our reward isn’t dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ of work

*Matthew 20:10-12 (ESV) Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’*

#### 2B. \_\_\_\_\_ who work receive eternal life

*Matthew 20:13-14 (ESV) But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.*

### 3. Accept God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 14:16-17 (ESV) But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’*

#### 3A. Avoid any \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 14:18-20 (ESV) But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’*

#### 3B. \_\_\_\_\_ are invited

*Luke 14:21-22 (ESV) So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’*

#### 3C. God’s house will be \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 14:23-24 (ESV) And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”*

### Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Luke 15)  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer the Call Study Guide

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Intro. How is it possible to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)?

Intro. Describe Jesus' call to people in Matthew 11:28-29.

Intro. What is Jesus requesting of every person on the planet (Revelation 3:20)?

Intro. How does Jesus' message in Mark 1:15 fit together with His calls in Matthew 11:28-29 and Revelation 3:20?

1A. What does God's call in Matthew 20:1-2 require?

1B. In what ways is life outside of God's vineyard a life of idleness (Matthew 20:3-5)?

1C. What does the master's actions toward the laborers tell us about how God deals with the lost (Matthew 20:6-7)?

1D. How do people devote themselves to the Lord's service in His harvest?

2A. Why do you think that the master began paying those who were hired last first (Matthew 20:8-9, 16)?

2B. What misperception caused some of the workers to grumble (Matthew 20:10-12)?

2C. How does Matthew 20:13-14 teach us that eternal life is not given by the amount of work that we do for God (John 6:28)?

2D. What should motivate our service/work for God?

3A. How do the two invitations to the banquet relate to God's calling of people to salvation (Luke 14:16-17)?

3B. Why do you think people offer excuses for ignoring God's call (Luke 14:18-20)? What are some of those excuses today?

3C. How does this story teach the truth that God's call goes out to every person on the earth sometime in their lifetime (Luke 14:21-22, Romans 1:19-23)?

3D. How can we 'compel' people to come to God's banquet (be saved) (Luke 14:23-24)?

3D. What causes people to choose the temporary over the eternal?