

# Seven Kingdom Initiatives

Growing Together...



Healthy & Wealthy

VALUE  
PEOPLE

Vital  
Congregations



Respect All as They Are

A Sunday  
We'll spent  
brings a week  
of Content.

GLOBAL  
GLOCAL  
LOCAL



**assimilate**

My house  
shall be called a  
house of prayer  
for all people.

*Isaiah 56:7*

GENERATIONS  
*together*



**techology**

# Accommodating





1. Sabbath Rest and Holy Living, Sep. 11
2. Equipping the Spiritual Leaders, Sep. 18
3. Technology for the Spread of the Gospel, Sep. 25
4. Faithful Connection with All God's People, Oct. 2
5. Creating A Third Place, Oct. 9
6. Ubiquitous Outreach, Oct. 16
7. Value People as They Are, Oct. 23

## *Seven Kingdom Initiatives*

***Keep it as a reminder***

<http://www.journeyforthebread.net/seven-kingdom-initiatives.html>

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Matthew 20:1-16

A Message of God's Kingdom



LABORERS IN THE



*"Jesus Calls the First Disciples"*  
by KiChang Kim

**A Master Finds Workers for His Kingdom!**

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**EQUAL WORK  
DESERVES  
EQUAL PAY!**

It's Not  
Fair!

Mt. 20:1-16

**Secular Work Ethics**

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I DID IT!  
5 Satisfying Rewards  
to Give Yourself  
When Reaching  
a Set Goal

**Joy of Salvation!**  
A Landowner Pays for the Workers

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**Matthew 20:1-16**

***A Message of the Kingdom***



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ALL ARE  
WELCOME

***A church***  
***w. Amazing Grace ...***



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*All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*  
*Matthew 25:32*

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

*Matthew 7:1*

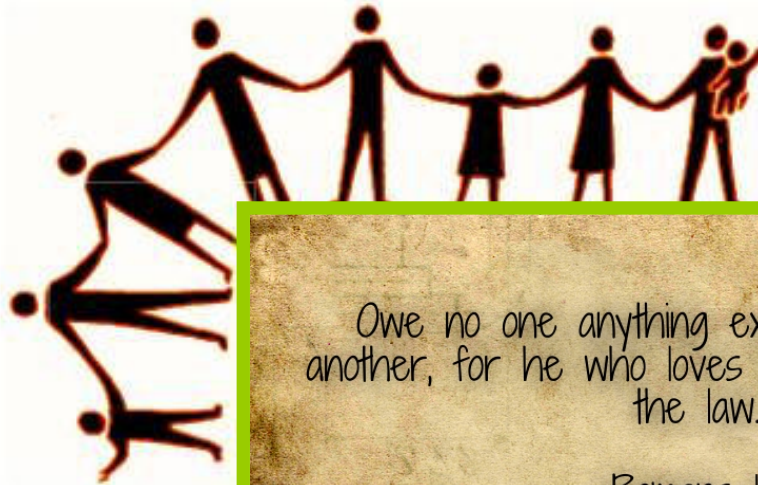


***God alone judges***

1. Judge Not! (Matthew 7:1-2)

**WE OUGHT TO**

*Love*  
one **ANOTHER**



Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

-Romans 13:8

1. Judge Not! (Matthew 7:1-2)

**LOVE** *one another...*

*just as i have* **loved you...**

JOHN 13:34

***A church, home, community we want***

1. Judge Not! (Matthew 7:1-2)

*Love* is patient;  
is kind.  
It bears all things,  
believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
*Love never ends.*  
1 Cor. 13:4, 7-8

*Love One Another*



*God is Love*

***A church, home, community we want***

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*Commuters on Brooklyn Br .at dawn*

*A landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.*

*Matthew 20:1*



*on Metro*

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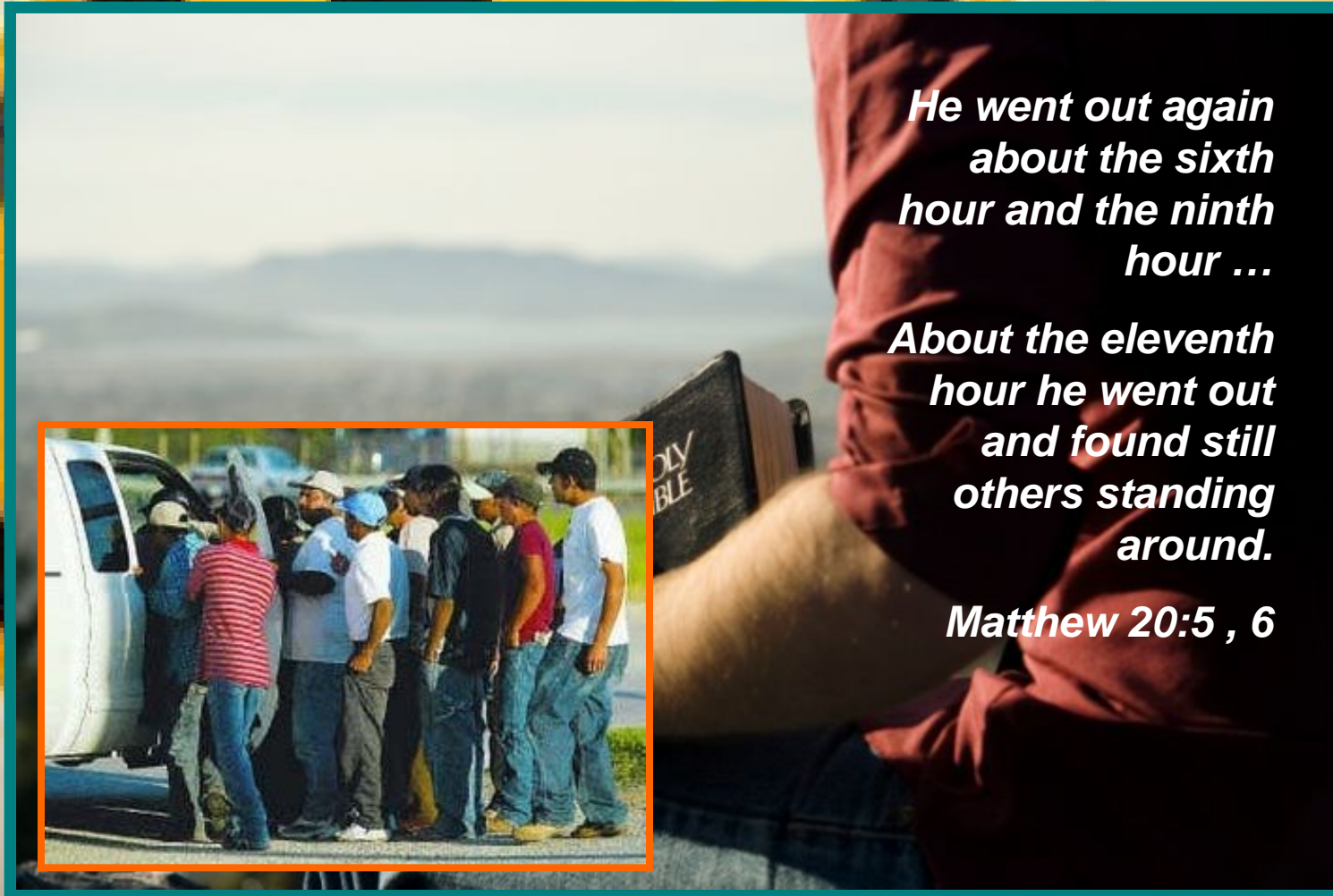
**"About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ...**

**'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'**

**Matthew 20:3-4**



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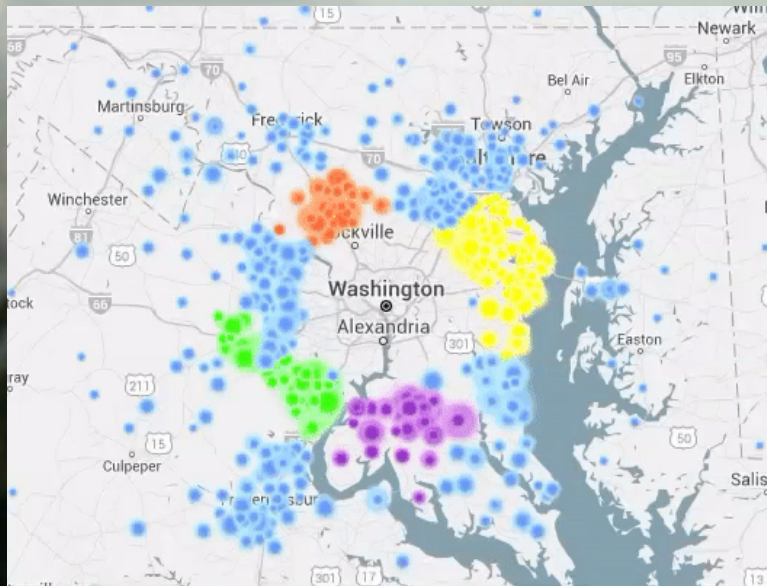


*He went out again  
about the sixth  
hour and the ninth  
hour ...*

*About the eleventh  
hour he went out  
and found still  
others standing  
around.*

*Matthew 20:5 , 6*

## 2. God has purposes for each one of His children.



**“Why have you  
been standing here  
all day long doing  
nothing?”**

**“Because no one  
has hired us,” they  
answered.**

**He said to them,  
“You also go and  
work in my  
vineyard.”**

**Matthew 20:6b-7**

## 2. God has purposes for each one of His children.



When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

Matthew 20:8

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$$\frac{\$62,000 \text{ annual income}}{2080 \text{ hours/year}} = \$29 \text{ per hour}$$



#### SILVER DENARIUS

The denarius was considered a fair day's pay for a common laborer in the first century. Jesus asked to see this coin when asked if it were lawful to pay taxes to Caesar (Matt 22:18).

What one coin could buy:  
15 lbs. of wheat  
(in a basket).

Translation of coin text: "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine [Augustus], [himself now] Augustus"



## A Silver Denarius

When the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus asked to see a coin for the tax. They gave Him a denarius like this. The motto on this coin proclaims Tiberius to be the son of the divine Caesar who preceded him. Jesus, the true Son of God, would have recognized the irony of Tiberius' claim (Matt 22:17–22; Mark 12:14–17; Luke 20:21–26).



Size comparison

**"15 LBS of Wheat?"**  
**A Fair Day's Pay for a Common Laborer!**

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**True wages**

**John 3:16**

For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.

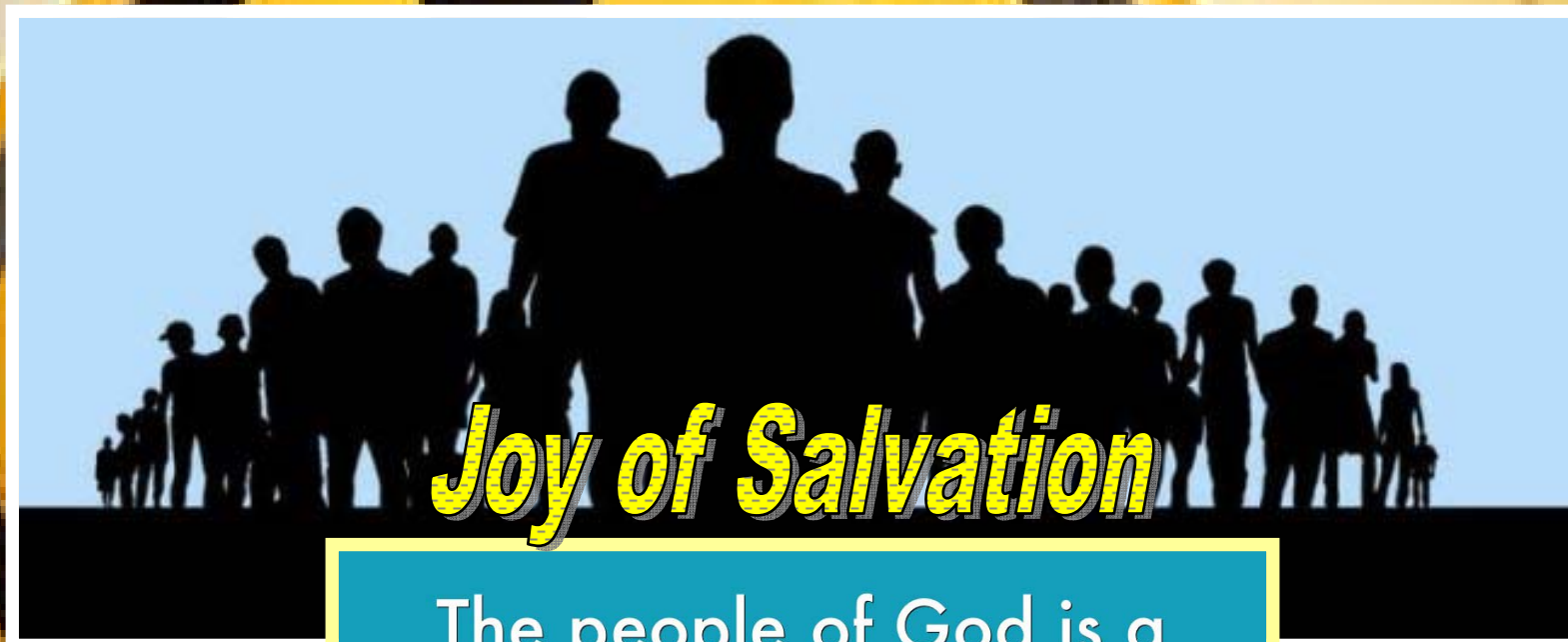


**God's Riches At Christ's Expense**

**GRACE**

GOD'S UNMERITED FAVOR

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The people of God is a community that everyone is welcomed and truly belongs to.

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Creating ...



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*“We cannot trust friends and family. We see parents who harm their children. Teachers and pastors molest the minors.*

*Our police force is supposed to protect us.*

*We become cynical about our legal system.*

*We cannot trust nature either. Hurricane, earth quakes, draughts,...*”



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Finding  
Intimacy  
in a  
World  
of  
Fear

*“God, through Jesus Christ, invites us to be ‘fear-miners,’ mining gifts from our fear, neither as fear-exploiters nor as fear-bears.”*

4. Value people just as they are.

*“Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with **the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?**”*

*“A Baptismal Covenant”*

The Rev. Laurence Hull Stookey  
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**Memorial Service at Metropolitan Mem UMC – Nov. 4 at 11 a.m.**