

## **Rewards - Chapel**

1 – Today we will discuss ironic nature of rewards in sport.

- The rewards are the same for the freshman playing his first season as for the senior playing his last season.
- The rewards for the first year coach are the same as for the twenty year veteran of coaching.
- At the end of the game or the end of the season, the rewards are the same.

2 – Jesus told a story about this in Matthew 20:1-16 (read the text aloud).

- Let's say that a denarius is worth \$20.00
- The guys who worked 6:00 am to 6:00 were paid \$20.00
- The guys who worked noon to 6:00 were paid \$20.00
- The guys who worked 5:00 pm to 6:00 were paid \$20.00

3 – It's similar in the life of our team relate to rewards.

- Differing levels of experience receive the same reward.
- Differing levels of understanding receive the same reward.
- Senior players, juniors, sophomores, even freshmen receive the same reward.

4 – Young players, give proper respect to the veterans.

- Appreciate the sacrifices they've made for the program.
- You probably think this level of success is a given, but it has not always been this way.
- (Recite the names of the eldest players who have invested deeply in the team's success for a long time.)
- Like the workers who started at 6:00 am, you enjoy these rewards due to grace.

5 – Veterans, don't be envious of the young players' good fortune.

- They are at the right place at the right time.
- Their contributions to the team are a large part of our success.
- Like the workers who started at 5:00 pm, you enjoy these rewards due to grace.

6 – In today's contest, pursue, achieve and celebrate a great victory. You will all receive the same rewards; a victory, a championship and memories for a lifetime.

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