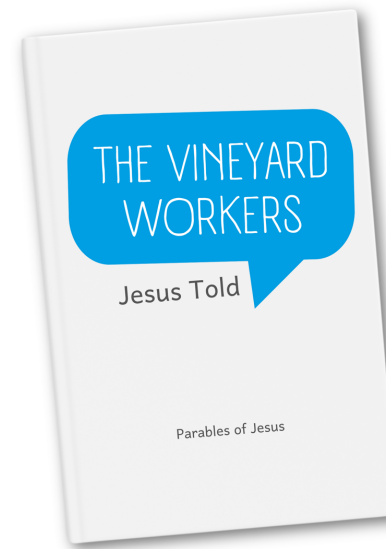


Questions

1. If persisted in, how can the mindset of the first-hired workers be a corrupting danger within a local church, like GBC.
2. Where in your life are you more apt to see life through the "lens of grace?" Why do you think that is?
3. Where are you more apt to see life through the "lens of fairness?" Why do you think that is?
4. How should Jesus' parable challenge you to celebrate the grace, mercy, and blessings of God in *other* people's lives—even those who seem to you less deserving?
5. What does jealousy and complaining indicate about our view/belief of God? Is it sin? In what way? Does it need to be repented of?
6. The question is, "Has God been faithful to His promises to you/to me?" Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. How does this affirm that?
7. Think of/look up other promises of God that we can lay hold of to see his faithfulness to us?



Matthew 20:1-16

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We know we're saved by grace, yet we can see the rest of life through the "lens of fairness."
So, in the parable of The Vineyard Workers (Matt. 20:1-16), Jesus shows us 2 misunderstandings and 2 expressions of life seen through "fairness", so we can reject that and live through the "lens of grace."

PARABLE OVERVIEW

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

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**THE FIRST MISUNDERSTANDING OF LIFE SEEN THROUGH
"FAIRNESS" (v.13)**

God isn't fair.

**TWO EXPRESSIONS OF LIFE SEEN THROUGH "FAIRNESS"
(v.11, 15b)**

Complaining and jealousy.

**THE SECOND MISUNDERSTANDING OF LIFE SEEN THROUGH
"FAIRNESS" (vv.14-15a)**

God owes me.

"So the last will be first, and the first last." (Matt. 20:16) This proverb summarizes the whole parable.