

PERSONAL REFLECTION

READ Isaiah 55:1-7, Luke 23:39-43, & John 6:35-44. Where in your life do you feel like you need to prove yourself before coming to Jesus? Where in these verses do you hear God's reassurance speaking directly to you? In your community, who might still be waiting for an invitation to experience the bread of life in Christ Jesus?

PRAYER ITEMS:

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

From the READ SCRIPTURE app, Available for both Android and Apple devices.

In the **READ SCRIPTURE** app, be sure to set your start date for January 1, 2026 in the app settings, and follow along with us!

November 15: Ephesians 3-4 | Psalm 9
November 16: Ephesians 5-6 | Psalm 10
November 17: Philippians 1-2 | Psalm 11
November 18: Philippians 3-4 | Psalm 12
November 19: Colossians 1-2 | Psalm 13
November 20: Colossians 3-4 | Psalm 14
November 21: 1 Thessalonians 1-2 | Psalm 15

WALKING with JESUS

Matthew 20:1-16| **Message**
Pastor Justin Carruthers | November 15, 2026

THE HEART OF THE MATTER:

- Jesus is addressing our love of _____, and our lack of _____

THE PROUD HEARTS' JUSTICE:

- I want to _____ what I _____;
  I want to _____ what I _____!

Romans 6:23

THE JUSTICE OF JESUS:

- The _____ Jesus deserved was given to us;
  the _____ we deserved was placed on Him.

THREE SIGNS OF AN "AGREE TO PAY" RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. _____ > Gratitude
2. _____ > Self-forgetfulness
3. _____ > Trust in God

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is a small thing someone did recently that made you feel included? Why might that have been special?

2. Have you ever been in a situation where someone received the same recognition or reward as you, yet the contributions were very different? How did that make you feel?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Pastor Justin shared that Jesus reminds us that we receive God's grace not because we deserve it, *but because of His mercy*. How might remembering this change the way you respond when life doesn't unfold the way you hoped?

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Matthew 20:1-16

1. How does this passage highlight God's presence in our world?

2. What does this passage say about our broken human condition?

3. How does this passage call me to make change in my life?

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ Matthew 19:16-22. The rich man says he has kept all the commandments that guide him through his earthly relationships, yet the implication of Jesus' words is that something is missing. More than simply selling his possessions, what is Jesus calling him to do? What does this reveal about what has a hold on his heart?

- **READ Matthew 19:23-30**. In v.27, Peter asks again about his place in God's kingdom. What do you understand to be going on in his heart and mind?

- **READ Ephesians 2:6-10**. Knowing that your place in God's kingdom is God's gift to you, how does that affect the way you respond to the Lord in your service and work for Him?

2. READ Matthew 20:8-12. All the workers are paid the same, regardless of the hours they worked in the field. What were they told they would all be paid? Why are all those who put in more hours so upset? If you were in their shoes, what might you have felt?

- **READ Matthew 20:13-16**. The workers are not necessarily upset about being paid all the same, they're upset about being *made equal*. Why is that?

- **READ Jonah 3-4**. Jonah is upset because God has chosen to extend grace to those he didn't think were deserving. Can you think of a time when someone else's good news or blessing brought up a sense that you were owed something too? What did that reaction help you see about what desires were on your heart?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Matthew 19:29-30, & 20:14-16. God's kingdom is built upon the gift of His grace, not human merit. Yet, we live as though we deserve God's grace, and we can be reluctant to extend that same grace to others. Where do these two attitudes show up in your own life? What changes might you need to embrace to live out your place in God's kingdom?