

TEACHING GUIDE

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SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES
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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

SYNOPSIS

Parables are short stories that teach a moral and/or spiritual lesson by analogy or similarity. These are often not stories of events that actually happened, but - in Jesus' case - they were usually based on things that were intimately familiar to His original audience. Common things like events and celebrations, family relationships, and a lot of farming and agriculture references. He used these examples so his audience would recognize their own life experiences in the stories and be able to internalize the BIG truth He was trying to convey.

HOW IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD A FUTURE EVENT AND ALSO A CURRENT EVENT?

*Grace looks beyond your productivity.
Your appearance. Your accomplishments
and failures.*

IS GRACE THE RULE OR THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE OF HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?

God is the owner of the vineyard who will pay whatever is right to everyone.

Download the Weekly Reading Plan + Discussion Guide for more!



WEEKLY READING PLAN

Week of July 12, 2020

1

Matthew 20:1-16

2

Isaiah 64:5-8

3

Romans 6:20-23

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Romans 3:9-31

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Ephesians 2:4-10

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WARM UP

Have you ever taken a job you thought was a ripoff?

READ

Matthew 20:1-16

ASK

- What stuck out to you from the story we just read?
What point do you think Jesus was trying to get across?
- Have you ever been frustrated by the grace or generosity someone else received but may not have deserved? Why were you upset?
- Are there any specific people or groups of people who make you upset when they receive a blessing?
- What are some ways God trumps fairness in our world? In your life personally?
- Is there any privilege in your life that you feel entitled to but didn't really earn? How does this parable encourage a posture of humility and gratitude?
- Is grace the exception or the rule in the lens through which you view life?

RESPOND

Are there any hangups to giving others grace in your life? Do people have to earn your generosity? What can you do about that?

PRAY

EXPANDED QUESTIONS

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ASK

- The meaning of the parables often escaped Jesus' disciples and audience. Have you ever felt like you needed more information from Jesus or the Bible than appears in the text? How did you decide what to do?
- The master in the story kept hiring people "not" working rather than the best workers. What do you think the implications of that are?
- Read Ephesians 2:6-22. How do Paul's words expand on the parable?
- What do you think it would look like for you to live with a "first shall be last" mentality?
- Read Ephesians 3:20, what do you think that means in light of the parable we looked at today?
- Would you rather have what you earn or what God decides is right in His eyes?

FAMILY GUIDE

Try these things when talking to kids about parables

- (1) Memorize Ephesians 3:20
- (2) Encourage their imagination
- (3) Make the stories relatable, adjust the pieces as needed
- (4) Encourage the good more than highlighting the wrong
- (5) Don't feel like you need to have all the answers

TALK

- What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- How long did it take? Why was it so hard?
- **Read:** Matthew 20:1-16
- What do you think Jesus wants to teach us in this story?
- What is grace in your own words?
- Why is it sometimes hard to live with grace?
- Do you ever struggle demanding things to be fair? What do you think Jesus would want you to do?

The Unfair Races

Designate a race course. It could be around the couch, outside, upstairs, etc. Have your kids all get in different positions. (hands behind their back, on their knees, crab walk, one leg, backwards, whatever. Just have fun!)

Tell kids 3, 2, 1... GO!

Get in new positions and race again.

ASK: Which position was it easiest to race in? Hardest?

Did the races seem fair to you?

How is life sometimes unfair? What should we do when life is unfair?

PLAY

CREATE

Unfair Tickets

Color the page below while talking about fairness.

What to do when things aren't fair.

How some people are born into unfair situations.

Grace gives others a ticket when things aren't fair for them.

Grace is like giving someone a ticket that says it's ok - this isn't fair to me and that's ok.

Who are some people you can give grace to?

GRACE

