

# TRUTH STORIES

PARABLES OF JESUS

## IN THE VINEYARD

MATTHEW 20:1-16

### 1. God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. Matthew 20:9,10

He **does not treat us as our sins deserve** or repay us according to our iniquities. Psalm 103:10

### 2. God's grace is about \_\_\_\_\_ not about \_\_\_\_\_.

"These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and **you have made them equal** to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." Matthew 20:12

"Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? **Or are you envious because I am generous?**" Matthew 20:15

Be **merciful, just as your Father** is merciful. Luke 6:36

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, "**I will have mercy on whom I have mercy**, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on **God's mercy**. Romans 9:14-16

### 3. God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_ as well \_\_\_\_\_.

About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "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 20:6,7

So the **last will be first, and the first will be last.** Matthew 19:30 & 20:16

Instead, whoever wants to become **great among you must be your servant**, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as **the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:26-28

### The Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Please read Matthew 20:1-16. What is something that stood out to you in last weekend's sermon and why? What does this parable teach you about the kingdom of heaven?
2. Please read Psalm 103:10. How have you experienced the truth of this verse in your life? How do you struggle to believe the truth of this?
3. Please read Luke 6:36 and Romans 9:14-16. In what ways can you relate to the grumbling workers when they see the landowners generosity? When have you felt "envious" of God's generosity to someone else?
4. Please read Matthew 19:27-30 and 20:16, 26-28. What do you learn about God's heart in these verses? Is there an area of your life where you're struggling to be willing to be "last"?

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