



## Scandalous Grace

**Series:** Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

**Scripture:** Matthew 19:16-20:16

God's grace always \_\_\_\_\_ our human rules of \_\_\_\_\_ and justice.

God has \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us.

- We're all \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_.

The groups were \_\_\_\_\_ rewarded.

God has a \_\_\_\_\_ to do what he \_\_\_\_\_ to do!

God's grace:

- God is not \_\_\_\_\_ to you when he is \_\_\_\_\_ to someone else.
  - Matthew 5:45
- God \_\_\_\_\_ us more than we \_\_\_\_\_.
- God graciously \_\_\_\_\_ this who \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

RECAP:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ envy and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ other's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Start Talking.**

- Have you ever been part of a group project where everyone received the same result even though the work wasn't equal? How did it make you feel?
- When you hear the story of the workers in the vineyard, which group do you instinctively identify with? Why?
- What emotions do you think Jesus intended His listeners to feel when the workers who came last were paid first?

**Start Thinking:**

- The workers who started early believed the pay system was unfair. Why do we naturally evaluate God's actions using our human ideas of fairness?
- In the parable, the landowner was both fair (keeping his promise) and generous (giving more than expected). Why is it sometimes hard to celebrate God's generosity toward others?
- Jesus ends by saying, "*The last will be first, and the first will be last.*" What does this reveal about how God's kingdom works differently from our world?
- How does this parable challenge the idea that we can earn God's favor through our works?

**Start Sharing:**

- Have you ever struggled with comparing your blessings, opportunities, or recognition with someone else's?
- Can you recall a time when you experienced God's generosity in a way you didn't deserve?
- Are there areas in your life where envy or comparison might be robbing you of joy in what God has given you?

**Start Praying:**

- Pray that God would help you trust His justice and generosity, even when life doesn't seem fair.
- Ask God to remove any envy or comparison from your heart and replace it with gratitude.
- Pray that your group would learn to rejoice when others receive God's grace and blessing.

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- This week, intentionally celebrate someone else's success or blessing rather than comparing yourself to them.
- Reflect on the ways God has been generous to you and thank Him daily for those gifts.
- Look for an opportunity to serve in God's "vineyard" this week — not to earn something, but out of gratitude for His grace.