

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Parable (Stories of Grace)

Week of March 16, 2019

Week 3: Blessed by Grace (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Matthew 20:1-15

One of the many changes brought on by grace is the complete transformation of how we view our blessings. In “The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard” we discover that all the beautiful things in our life are a gift of grace and not what we earned.

Kicking it off: If you were given a gift card good for \$100 at any store, what is something you would buy?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Matthew 19:27* Peter said, “We left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

Peter is looking for a reward for his sacrifice. Is it wrong to pursue God's rewards?

2. Reread the words of those who worked 12 hours as recorded in *Matthew 20:12* “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.”

Was it fair to pay those who worked one hour the same as those who worked 12 hours? Is grace fair?

3. Describe what you think the one-hour workers thought about the landowner after they received their generous pay.

How do you feel when God greatly blesses someone you know?

4. How would you counsel a Christian who argued that their house is not a gift of God's grace, because they bought it with their hard-earned money?

5. How would your life change if you started to see all good things as undeserved gifts from God?

6. Reread *Psalms 103:10* “God does not treat us as our sins deserve.”

How is this verse instructive to disappointed Christians who think they deserve better?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that the members of your group will clearly and boldly explain to a needy world that reconciliation with God comes through trusting Christ as Lord and Savior.