

Jesus Stories

This week's reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Discussion Guide: February 23, 2025

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Luke 12:34

*Was there any way this past week that you relied on Jesus for your significance, satisfaction and/or security?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK:

- In what ways can God's grace seem unfair?
- How do our cultural values resist the idea of grace?
 - o How does it at times, abuse the idea of grace?
- Why is it dangerous to compare your own situation with someone else's?
- How would you answer the argument that God isn't fair in the way He forgives?
 - o How does it make you feel that heaven will be filled with people with heinous crimes in their background?
- What would happen if God gave each of us what we deserve?

APPLY:

- How can we fight the temptation to get jealous of the generosity of God?
 - o How can focusing on God's grace in OUR lives keep us from becoming jealous of others?
 - o NEXT STEP: In what way can you say thank you to God every day this week for his amazing grace in your life?

Memory Work:

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. - 1 Timothy 1:15-16

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 16:1-13