



Parable of the Vineyard Workers

Matthew 20:1-16

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1. Have you ever cut in line as a kid? As an *adult*? If you've been cut in line before, how did you react?
2. READ Matthew 19:16-22. Why do you think Jesus challenged the rich young ruler's question in verse 17?
3. In verses 18-19, Jesus lists several commandments. Which ones are missing (see Exodus 20)? Why would Jesus leave them out?
4. What are ways unbelievers try to earn eternal life? What are ways *Christians* try to earn eternal life?
5. READ Matthew 19:27-29. What might a new believer today have to leave to follow Jesus? What sacrifices have you made because of your faith? Have you seen an "repayments" from God already?
6. READ Matthew 19:30-20:16. What observations can you make about this parable? What questions does it bring up? Discuss why the first workers grumbled against the landowner (vv. 11-12).
7. Why does it not matter who is a "first" and who is a "last" in God's kingdom?
8. READ Philippians 2:1-11. How could your family, your Journey Group, our church community look more like what Paul describes?
9. Remember, nothing we do can earn God's generosity; He gives grace freely. How can you make sure you are living generously *because* of His generosity and not to *earn* it?
10. Where are there "firsts" and "lasts" you can flip around in your life? How can you challenge the world's concept of equity with exorbitant generosity?