



Parable of the Vineyard Workers

Matthew 20:1-16
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_____ - “fairness or justice in the way people are treated”

I. Eternity cannot be _____ (Matt. 19:16-26)

- The rich young ruler wanted to earn eternal life (v. 16).
- Jesus says no one can earn eternal life (vv. 23-26).
- Are you still trying to earn _____?
(Romans 3:20-22)
- Jesus is the ultimate _____ who became _____
_____ for you (Philippians 2:5-11).

II. Sacrifice is not _____ (Matt. 19:27-30)

- Early Jesus-followers sacrificed...
 1. _____ relationships
(Luke 12:52-53)

2. Financial _____

3. Their very _____ (Acts 7:54-60)

- What have you _____ now?

III. God's _____ confounds our concept of _____ (Matt. 20:1-16)

- What we do determines what we're _____.
- What we're due is not eternal life but _____
_____ (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9).
- Let God's generosity _____ your sense of fairness.
- Where are the “firsts” and “lasts” you can _____?

What are your Next Steps?

1. Remember, eternity cannot be _____ and sacrifice is not _____.
2. Count your _____.
3. Stick around other _____.