

**Sermon Discussion Questions: August 17, 2025**

**Sermon Series: Kingdom Stories**

**Passage: Matthew 20:1-16**

1. ·What resonated with you from this passage and/or sermon? What questions were stirred up?
2. ·Can you think of a time when you did more work than others, but everyone got equal credit for it? How did you respond? Why? What values were revealed in your response?
3. ·In what situations or relationships in your life do you see yourself operating based on merit—everyone should get “paid” or “rewarded” according to their performance and the work they do. Why does this feel so natural?
4. ·How does living this way impact your emotions, health, and relationships?
5. ·Where do you find yourself envious of others’ success, rewards, or gifts? How does this impact how you interact with them?
6. ·This parable shows us how God doesn’t deal with us based on merit but on grace. How would your life look different if you grasped this reality more fully?
7. ·What are some specific ways you’ve experienced God’s lavish grace recently? What impact did it have on you and others?
8. ·What are a few specific ways you could embody the heart of the master in this parable with people in your family? In your church? In your workplace? In your neighborhood?