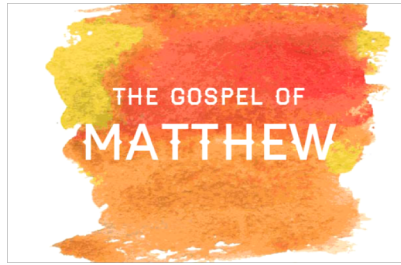


Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



February 3, 2019

The Last Who Are First and the First Who Are Last

Matthew 19:30 – 20:16

Outline:

The Parable:

The Point: God doesn't deal with us on the basis of status, rank, race or any kind of human merit. He deals with us according to His grace.

The Principles:

- 1) Not all who claim to be Christ's really are.

- 2) Because salvation is entirely by God's grace and fully paid for by Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, He never fails to save completely every sinner who truly believes.

- 3) Whatever heavenly reward we may ultimately receive will also be because of grace.

- 4) God sends His workers into His vineyard to do the work of harvesting (evangelism), and we must stay busy right through the eleventh hour.

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 What are some hallmarks of a self-sufficient life?

- #2 What are some of the hallmarks of a grace-dependent life?

- #3 Read Matthew 6:19–24. How is the “evil eye” (v 23) connected to self-sufficiency and greed?

Is the “evil eye” descriptive of a believer or an unbeliever?

- #4 Read Matthew 21:28–32. In what ways is the message of this parable similar to the parable from today’s sermon?

Select helpful resources:

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