

(Matthew 13:10-11) The disciples came up and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" And Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

(Matthew 19:27) "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

--- The Landowner and the laborers in the vineyard ---

(Matthew 20:1-16) "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and to those he said, 'You go into the vineyard also, and whatever is right, I will give you.' And so they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?' They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 'Now when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group to the first.' When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. And so when those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, saying, 'These who were hired last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day's work and the scorching heat.' But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go; but I want to give to this last person the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?' So the last shall be first, and the first, last."

1. **Confusing grace given with
grace _____ leads to _____.**

"When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard."

"You have made them equal to us."

- **It's entitlement in our heart that produces this feeling**
"I _____."

2. _____ makes us question the _____ of God.

"When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. And so when those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner"

- **Comparison turns a heart that should be _____
into a heart that is _____.**

3. **This parable reveals God's amazing _____
to those whom it has been _____.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out"

"He went out about the third hour"

"He went out about the sixth and the ninth"

"About the eleventh hour he went out"

- **God's generosity is always _____ by Him
and never _____ by us.**

"Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with what is my own?"

4. _____ begins when I remember that
I was once _____ the vineyard.

"Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with what is my own?"

Or is your eye envious because I am generous?"

- _____ grace replaces comparison with _____.

(Ephesians 2:4-10) God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.