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MESSAGE SHEET
Series: Grace Isn't Cheap
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No Losers

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THE PASSAGE

Matthew 20:1–16. A landowner hires workers at dawn, at nine, at noon, at three, and at five — and pays every one of them a full day's wage. The all-day crew grumbles. He answers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

THREE TAKEAWAYS

1. If you're still waiting for work at five o'clock, you probably really need the work. The landowner's choice is generosity, grace, and mercy.
2. We all believe we should get what we deserve. But should we? Did we? God's grace is so generous it can make people mad.
3. In this story everybody got to work, everybody went home with a paycheck, and every family was fed. With God, there are no losers.

THREE QUESTIONS FOR THE TABLE

1. Have you ever caught yourself thinking, "You have made them equal to us"?
2. Not everybody starts from the same place. How does that change the way you see someone who is struggling?
3. Who around us feels like they don't matter? How could we change that?