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Matthew 20:1-16

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What things cause/have caused you to say, "That's not fair!"?

What are you usually feeling when you decide something is unfair?

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Who does the master represent?

Who do the laborers represent?

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What was the deal the earliest laborers had with the master?

Did he treat them “fairly,” paying them what he had promised for the work expected of them?

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What was the deal the master had with the later laborers?

Did he treat them “fairly,” paying them according to how much they worked?

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Why was it the ones who were treated
“fairly” that complained about the
arrangement not being fair?

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How We Should Respond:

- Be thankful for everything we have received from God and that he rewards us according to his grace and not according to what we deserve

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How We Should Respond:

- Don't compare what others have received to what we have received
- Instead of thinking/declaring that things are "unfair," realize that it is "unfair" that we have anything good

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How We Should Respond:

- Instead of reminding everyone of what our “rights” are, surrender them for the sake of others.

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23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ...

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... 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

(1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 31-32)

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What are some practical ways you can stop seeing life as fair/unfair and start living by receiving and extending grace?

In your families? At church? At school? With friends?