

# Sermon Reflections

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*Grace: That's Not Fair!* (Matthew 19:27 - 20:16)

**Summary:** God's grace not only saves us, but it makes us humble servants. Never lose sight of your need for His grace, even as you serve Him.

## Grace-Driven Service

### 1. Serve Him with No Regrets (vv. 27-30)

- Have you ever been given a gift and felt like you need to return the favor? We serve Him dependent on His grace. Why do you feel like you need to serve in a way that will return the favor of the great gift you have been given in salvation?
- Peter compares himself to the rich young ruler: "We have left everything and followed you, what will we have?" It's not about you or what you do. How are your thoughts or comparisons similar to Peter in this text?
- Read Mark 10:30. Jesus clarifies what you receive: you receive a hundred fold what you give, plus persecutions. Things will get harder for you when you become a Christian. How can you have a closer bond with a believer on the other side of the world than you do with your neighbor across the street?
- What does it mean when Jesus says in verse 30 that "many who are first will be last, and the last first"?

### 2. Serve Him with No Resentment (vv. 1-16)

- The Master of the house showed great generosity and grace to the laborers he hired at the end of the day, by giving them wages for a full day. How is this grace and generosity similar to the grace that God gives us as sinners?
- Put yourself in the shoes of the laborers. If you were hired early in the day, how would you feel after seeing the others who had only worked only an hour – receive the same wage? If you were hired late in the day?
- Are you going to resent God's grace to others? Do you compare yourself to other sinners? Are you willing to humble yourself and show grace to others when they don't deserve it?
- As you serve you will see there is no room for jealousy or resentment.