



STUDY GUIDE

Make Room For Grace

WEEK OF December 23, 2018

Matthew 20:1-16

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

GROW

2. Read Matthew 20:1-9. If you were one of the workers hired early in the day how would you have felt throughout the day as new workers continued to arrive, and how would you have felt at the end of the day? If you were one of the workers hired at the close of the days how would you have felt?
3. Why do you think we have an overinflated sense of need for fairness in our culture, and where do you see it? How might that impact our relationship with God and our relationship with others?

- 4. Why is it important for us to see that the focus in this parable is on the employer, not the employees, and what happens if our focus in the Kingdom is on each other and not on God?**

 - 5. How do you see the graciousness of the master in this parable? How is that grace a snapshot of God and His kingdom?**

 - 6. Read Matthew 20:10-16. The second lesson we learn from these verses is that we should be grateful God is generous. In what specific ways have you experienced the generosity of God?**

 - 7. Why didn't the workers in this parable appreciate the generosity of their employer? Why is it tempting to compare what we get from God with what some else gets, and what happens when we do this?**

 - 8. What are some ways you have, or can continually bring to mind your complete dependence on God's grace?**

9. Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-11. What can we learn about God's grace from what the Apostle Paul states in these verses?

10. How would you explain God's grace to someone who isn't familiar with the grace He has given us?

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11. How can your small group help each other remember the nature of grace?

12. The gospel is the ultimate response of grace to the failure of mankind. Who do you know that has faced failure and needs to hear the response of the gospel? How will you pursue that person this week?

