



Unrelenting Grace

The Economy of Grace - Week 6

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

READ

Begin by reading Matthew 20:1-16.

- As you read, underline or highlight anything in this Scripture that surprises you.
- What is Jesus pointing out to you in this parable?
- What questions do you have after reading these verses?

REFLECT

Reread Matthew 20:1-16. In this passage, Jesus tells this parable and paints a picture of a landowner that acts with an upside-down, generous economic system to demonstrate the generous, unrelenting grace of the kingdom of heaven.

- The landowner goes out to invite people into his vineyard throughout the day, even up to the eleventh-hour. How does this parable display the heart of God?
- Where is the fairness of God demonstrated in this passage? How does the unrelenting grace of Jesus also demonstrate this fairness?
- The Lord *wants and desires* to be generous with His love and grace. Where have you seen and felt the generous love and grace of God in your life?
- God warns us that envious comparisons birth judgmental discontentment. When have you seen this well up in your life? How can you avoid this discontentment?
- Jesus declares that the last will be first and the first will be last. How gracious are you to those around you that don't deserve it? What would change in your relationships if you were gracious according to God's economy of grace?

PRAY

Begin your time of prayer by reading Ephesians 2:8-9. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

FOCUS on the upside-down economy of grace of the kingdom of heaven.

THANK God for seeking you out relentlessly.

CONFESS where you have boasted and grumbled rather than living graciously.

ASK God to use you to extend His grace and compassion to those around you this week.

DO

Join Hillside in prayer and action through Sharing Tree as we spread hope in our local communities. Pray that God's grace would be felt by families all across your community and find out how to get involved at hillsideonline.com/sharingtree

***Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

Matthew 19:16-30
James 5:7-12
Numbers 6:24-26
John 3:16-17

