Text: Matthew 20:1-34 Monroe Bible Church
Topics: Compassion Sacrifice, Gratitude, Servanthood February 9, 2020
Series: The Promised King Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

The Grace of God

I. The Choice (1-16)

Kingdom living is…

exercising ***gratefulness*** for God's ***generosity***,

II. The Cost (17-19)

considering the ***cost*** Christ paid,

III. The Conduct (20-28)

replacing ***self-interest*** with ***servanthood***,

IV. The Character (29-34)

and practicing ***compassion*** in your ***calling***.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Put the following words in order of the frequency you express them: serving the needy, thankful, striving to finish a task, content, compassion for others. Would you like to see a different order? Would Jesus? Explain.

2. Read Matthew 20:1-12. What might be some examples of "eleventh hour" people, and their "pay" today?

Have you ever felt like the first hired workers in verses 10-12? Why?

From verses 13-16, summarize the way Jesus wants us to think and feel about "eleventh hour" Christians in comparison to ourselves as "early hires".

3. Jesus foretold what would happen to Him in Matthew 20:17-19. Ponder the fact that He subjected Himself to this for you. What does it say about how God feels about you? What kind of response does this generate in you?

4. Read Matthew 20:20-24. What is your reaction to the request of James and John? What is your reaction to the other disciples' indignant reaction? Why?

5. In Matthew 20:25-28 Jesus gives His definition of greatness in His kingdom. Why is it important for all of His followers to embrace this?

6. Read Matthew 20:29-31. Why would the crowd have tried to quiet the blind men? Why did the blind men cry out all the louder?

Which are you more likely to be like, the crowd, or the blind men? Explain.

What did the actions of Jesus in verses 32-34 say to the blind men, and to the crowd? Make a personal application.

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?

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The Promised King

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