



HOUSE RULES: INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE IN GOD'S FAMILY

THE FATHER'S GRACE

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PREACHING POINT: God's kids must recognize God's sovereign right to dispense grace as he chooses, while celebrating his generosity toward others rather than resenting those who receive his favor.

1. Recognize _____ (vv.1-16)

2. Kill _____ (vv.10-16)

3. Celebrate _____ (vv.1-16)

Matthew 20:1–16 (ESV)

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon. Why did it stand out to you?

2. Read Titus 3:4-7, Romans 5:20-21, and Psalm 103:8-12. What does God's readiness to show grace teach you about the character of God?

3. Read Philippians 2:3-4 and Luke 14:8-11. In what ways can you be guilty of an attitude of entitlement, especially regarding what God chooses to do or not to do with his grace?

- a. How does an entitlement mindset reveal a misunderstanding of God's grace? How can you practically kill this unbiblical attitude?

4. Read Luke 15:11-32. In what ways can you be more like the older brother than the father or the servants in this parable?

- a. How can you grow in celebrating God's grace toward others while guarding against resentment?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

January 25th
Exodus 9-10 & Matt 18:1-20

January 26th
Exodus 11-12 & Matt 18:21-35

January 27th
Exodus 13-15 & Matt 19:1-15

January 28th
Exodus 16-18 & Matt 19:16-30

January 29th
Exodus 19-21 & Matt 20:1-16

January 30th
Exodus 22-24 & Matt 20:17-34

January 31st
Exodus 25-26 & Matt 21:1-22

February 1st
Exodus 27-28 & Matt 21:23-46

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