

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Kids are big on fairness! Share an "It's not fair!" moment you experienced as a kid. Looking back, do you see it differently? Why or why not?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Matthew 20:1-16.

1. Many people don't like this parable. Why? What do you think Jesus is showing us about ourselves here?
2. All vineyard masters want their vineyards to be fruitful. Romans 3:19-26 describes two different masters; one being 'the law' and the other 'grace.' What does it mean for your life, for you to be under one or the other of these 'masters'?
3. A key question in the parable is "do you begrudge my generosity?" (verse 15) "Saved by grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8) means that "God grades not on the curve, but on the cross." Why do you think people have trouble with God's generosity in Christ? Would we rather have the Lord judge us on our merits?
4. Read Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector from Luke 18:9-14. What does this parable, along with the parable of the vineyard, say to you about what God values?

PRAY

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, the genius of your teaching can correct our small vision. Thank you for talking some grace into us! Deliver us from earthly judgments, and fill us with your perfect eternal love. In our Savior's name, amen.