

# UNEXPECTED GENEROSITY

Matthew 20:1-19

"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." 17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death 19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

The Kingdom of Heaven cannot be earned, it's complete generosity to the undeserving.

## 1.To Grasp the Kingdom of Heaven, Give Up Your idea of Fairness.

Matthew 19:30-20:13, Romans 3:10-18, 3:23, 6:23, 5:7 Ephesians 1

How should you understand the reality of fairness when it comes to a sinful humanity?

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## 2.To Grasp the Kingdom of Heaven, Acknowledge You Don't Deserve it.

Matthew 20:14-15, Luke 15:21-29

Where in life do you often find yourself saying, "I deserve better?" How should you correct it?

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## 3.To Grasp the Kingdom of Heaven, See it as Priceless.

Matthew 20:15-19, 1 John 4:10, Jonah 4:1-3

What attitudes/thoughts/actions can you change in your life to live according to God's generosity in grace?

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## Church Announcements

- Sunday School for kids 8:30am
- Home Bible Fellowships:  
Wednesday night: 7pm The Hacker's home.  
Thursday night: 7pm The Ham's home. (and on Zoom)
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Ira & Sarah Sena's baby shower/Picnic after church

## Special Request

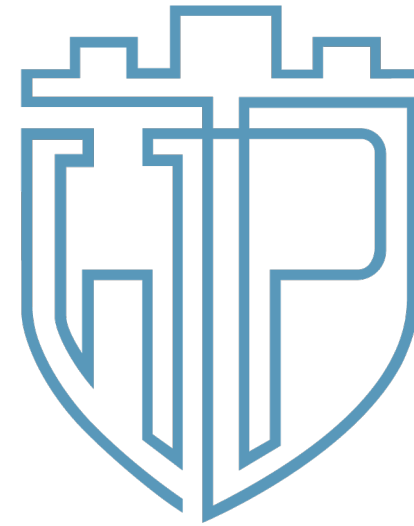
- Pray for our sister Cijy and her move.
- Pray for our ongoing property needs.
- Pray for those restricted to their homes due to health.

## Giving Information

**Traditional Giving:** A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

**Online Giving:** Visit [www.HPBaptist.org/give](http://www.HPBaptist.org/give) and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

**Text Giving:** Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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