

The Gracious Landowner

Matthew 20:1-16

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Purpose of the Parable

- It serves as a warning to Peter to keep his eyes off others and on Jesus
- The Kingdom of heaven does not operate like an earthly kingdom.
- God's grace is not based on my merit but on his generosity.
- God is abundantly gracious to all who follow Him.

1. The Landowner Calls Laborers to His Vineyard 1-2

2. The Landowner Graciously looks for Laborers all Day.3-7

- a. The landowner Calls the Dependent
- b. The landowner Calls the Overlooked
- c. The landowner calls the undeserving
- d. All who come into the vineyard worked.
- e. There was plenty of work that needed to be done.

3. The landowner graciously kept his promise and generously gave them more than they deserved. 8-16

- a. The landowner had enough money to pay them all.
- b. The pay they received was not based on the work they accomplished or how long they worked.
 - i. Some rejoiced
 - ii. Some were mistaken, murmured and rebuked
- c. The Landowner was just and generous to all.