

MATTHEW : Kingdom Comparisons

Matthew 20:1-28

Kingdom comparisons. . .

1. _____ that God is _____ to everyone.
 - a. *1 Corinthians 3:5-15*
2. Focus on the _____, not the _____.
 - a. *Genesis 3:1-5*
 - b. *John 21:20-22*
 - c. *Matthew 18:1*
 - d. *1 Corinthians 12:15-20*
3. Result in _____ and _____.

Questions to consider this week:

1. What is “fairness”? Everyone getting the same things? Everyone getting what they need? What they deserve? What is the parable of the labourers meant to teach us about the kingdom of heaven?
2. In what ways does the Bible teach us that the first will be last and the last will be first? Compare this to places like Luke 14:7-14.
3. Comparison is often described as the thief of joy because it sets our worth based on someone else (e.g. 1 Cor. 12:15-31) but can give us ways to grow (e.g. 1 Cor. 11:1). What makes these two situations different? What is the motivation behind the comparisons made by the labourers in the vineyard vs. Jesus’ descriptions of the kingdom?

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

(Matthew 19:29; ESV)