**Not Fair!**

1. **Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 20:1-19 (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.” **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.

1. **Introduction**

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1. **Big Idea**

**Following Jesus leads us to a kingdom whose citizens are driven by sovereign grace not individual worth or entitlement.**

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1. **Conclusion**

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