

What's Your Story? Week 2: Rejection

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went.

"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷"Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹"The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Right Perspective on Rejection

- Greatness is spelled _____
 - Humility is the correct _____ of oneself.
 - Rejection may be the greatest _____ of one of life's most important lessons.

- Rejection positions a person for _____ and _____.
- Rejection is only unfair if we believe God is through _____ our _____.

2. God is no man's _____

- We can never place God under an _____ to do something for *us* because we have done something for *him*.
- Focusing on the blessings of others will ultimately leave you _____.

The fall has affected man's ability to interpret moral fairness

2 Corinthians 10:12

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

- The workers were rewarded for their _____, not their _____.
- _____ of God not _____ for God is what counts in God's economy.

3. God's message to the world is _____.

God notices the unnoticed, he remembers the forgotten, and what society has put out, God has taken in.

- Grace is getting exactly what we don't _____.
- God didn't choose these last workers because they had something _____ needed; he chose them because he had something that _____ needed.