

**“The Parable of the Gracious Landowner” 5/30/10**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

**“Studies in the Parables of the Lord Jesus”**

**Mercy- not getting what you do deserve**

**Grace- getting what you don't deserve**

**POINT 1-** The grace of the landowner is seen in his INITIATION

A. The gracious landowner is the one doing the SEEKING  
(John 5:17; Luke 19:10; John 6:44, 65; day laborers are “helpless”)

B. The gracious landowner is the one who is trusted to do RIGHT  
(1 Corinthians 4:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10)

**VARIOUS KINDS OF PEOPLE HERE... different TIMES not necessarily SKILLS**

**Going** God wants you to be encouraged by His grace!

**Deeper** **Nothing you can do to make God love you more or less**

**POINT 2-** The grace of the landowner is seen in his DISTRIBUTION

A. The distribution of God's grace is given at God's PLEASURE  
(It should never be assumed or expected...)

B. The distribution of God's grace is scorned by the SELFISH

*"Because of the grace God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us." (Rom 12:3)*

**Going** God wants you to recognize and learn what grace really is!

**Deeper** **GRACE IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER**  
**IT SHOULD HELP US TO STOP COMPARING, JUDGING, and COVETING**

**POINT 3-** The grace of the landowner is seen in his VINDICATION

A. The vindication of God's grace is seen in His GENEROSITY  
(Deut 15:9; Proverbs 22:9; Matthew 6:19-24; contrast- Matt 5:43-48)

*"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." (Philippians 2:3-4)*

**Going** God wants you to embrace His grace for you and others!

**Deeper**