

Sermon Based Questions

“Amazing Grace” – Nathan Blais
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Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard challenges our ideas of fairness: eternal life is a gift of grace, not something we earn. Nathan warned that comparison and the pursuit of rewards can distort our hearts, and invited us to see participation in God’s work as a privilege.

Share

1. How important is fairness to you? What really makes your “fairness meter” go off?
2. Have you ever been overwhelmed by a generous gift you did not expect? What happened?

Discuss

3. Read Matthew 20:1–16. What stood out to you most from the parable?
4. The first workers receive exactly what they were promised, yet they grumble when the last workers receive the same. What does their reaction reveal about the effects of comparison?
5. Read Matthew 19:23–30. How does the conversation just before the parable—especially Peter’s question, “What then will we have?”—help explain Jesus’ warning that “the first will be last, and the last first”?
6. Nathan held two truths in tension: eternal life is a gift of grace, while faithful service can still be rewarded. What can go wrong when the reward becomes the reason we serve?

Reflect

7. What can cause participating in God’s work to start feeling like drudgery, obligation, or scorekeeping rather than a privilege?
8. Where are you most likely to compare your faithfulness or sacrifice with someone else’s? What does that comparison do to your gratitude?
9. Nathan contrasted people who resent others receiving the same grace with people who come to faith late in life and wish they had known Jesus sooner. How does that second perspective change the way we think about years spent following and serving Jesus?

Apply

10. Take time to thank God together for grace you could never earn, and ask him to help you serve with gratitude rather than comparison or scorekeeping.