

Exceeding Generosity

Matthew 20:1-16

(series #112)

Intro: the pros and cons of living in the United States

I. The Background of the Parable - 19:16-30

- A. The rich young ruler & eternal life
- B. Peter's question about rewards

II. The Specifics of the Parable vv. 1-16

- A. Workers were enlisted at various times
- B. Each received a denarius vv. 8-10
- C. The first workers complained vv. 11-12
- D. The landowner corrected their attitudes
 - 1. He had been fair to the 1st group
 - 2. He had been generous to the rest
 - 3. The problem was their perspective

III. The Lessons of the Parable

- A. Reward is based on faithfulness, not volume
- B. God will sovereignly determine rewards
- C. The ultimate equality of heaven

Concluding applications: It's all about grace