

## The Shackled At Our Gate

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Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 19:27 <sup>27</sup>Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

### 1. We believe people should get what they deserve.

Matthew 20:1-2 <sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard."

Matthew 20:15 <sup>15</sup>"Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

### 2. The Kingdom is not about our goodness, but God's generosity.

### 3. We tend to think eternity follows ledger book accounting.

Matthew 5:20 <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 6:23a <sup>23a</sup>For the wages of sin is death, ...

### 4. The wages we have actually earned is death.

Romans 6:23 <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, *but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### 5. God gives us the wages we don't deserve.