

# IRRATIONAL KINGDOM

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*Second Week of Lent*

## SCRIPTURE

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Join us Wednesday for Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 am!

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Introductions:

- What was your first job?

### Scripture Reflection:

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does it tell us about people?

### Sermon Reflection:

- Josh said that our world is obsessed with "performancism," the idea that our works equal our worth. Where have you seen this idea playing out in our world and in your own lives?
- Jesus' parable warns against the church and Christians falling into "spiritual pride," where we think we're superior to others. Have you seen this pride in the church? How do we address it and change it?
- Josh's main point is that God's grace is irrational, and that we can't earn it. What would your life, our world, and our church look like if it was marked by this kind of grace?

### Closing Question & Application:

- What did God say to you during the conversation today?
- How might you live out that learning this week?

### Prayer: *(save a little extra time for this)*

Hold hands and have one person open in prayer. When they're done they squeeze the hand of the person next to them. When a person's hand is squeezed they can either pray aloud then squeeze the hand next to them or "pass."