

KINGDOM REWARD

MATTHEW 19:27-20:16

There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us.

-Richard Sibbes

I. A Pertinent Question

II. A Picture of Grace

Small Group Study Questions

Into the Bible:

1. Although Peter's question sounds a little like "What's in it for us?", Jesus does not reprove him. Instead, he promises positions of authority in the kingdom and rewards beyond what they have given up. However, what does it take to achieve greatness in the Kingdom of God? (Matthew 23:11-12, Mark 10:42-45)

2. If we are concerned about God's fairness in how he deals with us compared to others, this parable is for us. It is not about what the workers *earn* for their labor, but what the landowner *gives* them. How does this illustrate God's mercy? (1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 9:14-16)

Application:

3. Before we start counting up the rewards promised us for following Christ, we should probably ask ourselves, “What exactly did we sign up for?” What advice does Jesus give to prospective disciples? (Luke 14:25-33, John 15:18-21)

For Families:

5. Talk with your children about why mercy is often more important than fairness.