

Grace is really amazing! (part 4— It's not fair!)

Read Matthew 20:1-16; Luke 15.

1. What did you think of Sonny Bill Williams' gesture to young Charlie Line?
2. When you heard Steve read Max Lucado's true story about Jeffrey Dahmer, the Milwaukee monster, becoming a Christian after committing murder and cannibalism, what were your thoughts? Were you tempted to say "It's not fair!"?
3. Steve said that unless we get the response "It's not fair!" we are probably not proclaiming the biblical message of grace. Thoughts?
4. Read Matthew 20:1-16. **You** have worked all day and are standing in line to receive **your** wages. Those employed throughout the day receive their wages first then **you** receive exactly the same amount, the amount you were promised at the beginning of the day. What are **you** thinking?
5. *Continued....* Jesus gave very little explanation to this parable. Like so many other parables, he allowed the people to basically work it out themselves. What do you think the disciples might have said having just listened to this parable for the first time?
6. Jesus told three stories in Luke 15. What was the reason/context of Jesus sharing those stories? (see v1-2). Steve said that there were three stories in the one story of the lost or prodigal son. What were those stories?
7. How did the sons' stories differ from the father's story? In which way did the younger brother misunderstand his father's love? In which way did the older son misunderstand the father's love?
8. Why is it so, so important to our Christian lives and to our mission to get the right picture of who (what kind of God) God is?
9. Are you glad that God has shown you grace rather than fairness? [...a great moment for praise methinks!!]