

# RL GROUPS

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## Matthew 20:9-16

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9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



## Questions for Discussion

1. What are some ways that you've let others know what you are thankful for over the last few weeks? How have people reacted?
2. When you think of people who are good at being grateful, who do you think of first? What does that person do to let others know they are grateful?
3. "One of the greatest enemies to thankfulness is envy." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. Read the passage together. Why do you think the workers who worked the longest were not thankful for what they received? Would you have acted differently?
5. What do you think it means to believe that the kingdom of Heaven is generous? As a citizen of that kingdom (Phil. 3:20), what does that mean for you and your life?
6. Take time for each person to share their thankfulness for something that they've received without earning it and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to close your time together.