

JESUS

the storyteller

Session: 6 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

IN Introduction

“It’s not fair!!”

As a parent, I’ve lost count of the number of times I’ve heard those words! Do you have any stories of times when you felt you had been unfairly treated, or times when you’ve had to play peacemaker in a similar situation?

UP Explore

READ Matthew 20:1-16

- What emotional responses does this parable evoke in you? Did those responses surprise you?
- Which characters do you most identify with in the parable? Why is that?
- This parable comes to an abrupt end...what do you think happened next?
- What do you think Jesus means by the phrase ‘The first shall be last and the last shall be first’? What impact does that have on our relationship with God and how we relate to others?

OUT Impact

How might we respond to Jesus’s message about generous grace? What one thing could you do in response - personally and in relation to others?

Are there people in your life or in your community who might be feeling overlooked? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you over the coming week people who may need to receive God’s outrageous grace and compassion.