



Short Stories: Faith

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Key Focus: Faith

Opening Up:

- What is the top prize you have received in a competition? Tell the story?
- If you could experience winning the top prize in any competition what would it be? Explain.
- What is the best news that you have ever received?
- If you could attend any championship game as a fan, what would it be?

Reference: Matthew 20:1-16

Discuss:

1. Why is grace not fair and why do we need it?
2. What would a world without grace and only law (rules) look like?
3. If you were telling a friend what life in the Kingdom was like, what would you say?
4. How is God's Kingdom different from the kingdoms of this world?
5. How is grace an equalizing force?
6. How does the equalizing effect of the gospel sometimes offend us? (See the parable in verse 12)
7. How would you describe what it means in verse 16 when it says the "last will be first, and the first last"?
8. You can only receive all of God's eternal grace, you can not receive a portion of grace. How does this make you feel about God's generosity? (See verse 15)
9. How does the gospel (the ethic of the kingdom) help you to feel both humility and courage? How does it affect how you live your everyday life?
10. Pray.