

Sermon Notes

Matthew 20

Feb. 8, 2026

Against the Grain: It Doesn't Add Up Parable of the Workers in the Field

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- I. Two Columns (Back Side)
 - A. What God owes me
 - B. What I owe God

- II. Matthew 20
 - A. The process of hiring day laborers
 1. The agreement
 2. The payment
 - B. What was the complaint?
 - C. How did the landowner respond?

- III. Parables: Grounded in Real Life
 - A. Not about maintaining a vineyard
 - B. A glimpse into the Kingdom of Heaven

- IV. Transactional World
 - A. The way our world works, quid pro quo
 - B. The way that creeps into our relationship with God
 - C. The way the Kingdom of Heaven works

- V. The Funny Things about Grace
 - A. It's not fair (thief on the cross)
 - B. At the core of the Reformation (Luther vs. Erasmus)
 - C. You owe me, God!

- VI. Two Columns (Back Side)
 - A. Only one thing on the left side
 - B. What's on your right side?

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