



Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Everyone Gets a Trophy

Passage: Matthew 20:1-16 NIV

Sermon Points:

1. Don't Expect Extra Credit
 - a. Do you think Christians will be divided in heaven between those who obeyed God more in this life and those who did not? Why or why not?
 - b. What really motivates you to obey Jesus in your life right now?
 - i. What is one of the chief motivations we *ought* to have for obeying Jesus, according to Scripture (see Romans 12:1, Titus 2:11-12)?
 - ii. Is the promise of extra rewards in heaven another motivation? Why or why not? What passages of Scripture can you think of that may speak that way?
 - c. How does Matthew 20:1-16 explain what Jesus means when he says in Matthew 19:30, "But many who are first will be last and the last will be first?"
 - d. How does the story about James and John and their mother in Matthew 20:20-28 help us to understand further what "The first will be last and the last will be first" means?
2. Don't Grumble Against Grace
 - a. Do you think this passage teaches that there will be no differences between the rewards Christians receive in heaven? Why or why not?
 - b. Read Exodus 13:17-14:31 and then read Exodus 16:1-3. How do you feel when you see the Israelites grumbling so soon after the Exodus? What would have helped them not to grumble at the moment of their trouble in Exodus 16?
 - c. Why do we struggle so much to remember the grace of God when we think things aren't going our way? What practices can we put into place in our lives that would help us remember God's grace to us more?



Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - Philippians 4:19-20 NIV

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."