

Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon: October 16th, 2011

Know Your Neighbor

1. List some areas in your life where you have seen God's grace and generosity toward you
2. List a time where you were bitter about God's generosity in someone else's life

Know God's Word

1. Reflect on the passage and in one or two sentences give a brief synopsis of the sermon last Sunday.
 - a. What point from scripture stood out the most to you?
2. Read all four chapters of the book of Jonah
 - a. List all circumstances that demonstrate that Jonah deserves God's wrath.
 - b. List all the ways God chooses to show Jonah specifically, grace and compassion.
 - c. Ironically, what was Jonah's biggest beef with God?
 - d. Just for fun... write out a brief revision of the story of Jonah had God NOT chosen to show HIM grace and compassion
3. Discuss how this story connects to the parable in Matthew 20:1-16

Know How to Live

1. Be honest... what are the things you say to yourself when you find yourself in this situation of someone receiving what you believe to be too much grace or compassion?
2. Write down and be ready to share what you think might be at the core for YOU of why it would be hard to watch God's 'over the top' generosity in someone else's life... without using "jealousy" as the answer.