



Discussion Questions

Matthew 20:1-16 *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

Pastor Karen makes the point that this parable makes us uncomfortable because it seems so “unfair.” Does it seem unfair to you? How do we define what is fair and what isn’t? Do we need new definitions? Why or why not?

How does your heart react when you hear the Owner reply, in Matthew 20:15b, “Why should you be jealous/envious/stingy if I want to be generous”?

Pastor Karen tells of a season in her first call marked by more than two funerals per week for over a month. These were for faithful, committed church members. When a man who had been estranged from the community died, and his family requested a church funeral and a full reception, it seemed unfair even while the church responded with grace. How did you react to this story? How is this like the parable Jesus tells?

How have you been challenged by the reckless love of God?

How have you been a recipient of the reckless love of God?

