

# Connecting Church and Home

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Quarter 1, Week 10 :: **Kingdom Priorities**

## Treasure Story: Matthew 20:1-15

In the world's way of thinking, we have to prove our worth or earn our way in order to get power, respect, and money. However, all that changes when it comes to God's kingdom. In the kingdom, it is not based on what we do, but by God's grace alone.

## Connect

"Grace is the pleasure of God to magnify the worth of God by giving sinners the right and power to delight in God without obscuring the glory of God."

- John Piper

God is gracious to us because we can never do enough good to earn His favor. We inherit the goodness of God's blessings through His grace and His grace alone. Jesus' death on the cross, not our works, allows us access to God. The following activities will help you think about and discuss God's grace with your children:

- **Humble Ourselves:** One of the hardest things for many of us to do is to quit trying to work so hard to get it all right. We try too hard sometimes to do the right thing. Instead of trying to get it all right how about humbling yourself to depend on Christ. This week, whenever you or your children are tempted to depend on yourselves, encourage one another to pause and thank Jesus for what He has done for us. Then praise God for allowing us to depend on Him.
- **Grace Bible Study:** This week, do a word study on the word "grace" in the Bible. Each night, study a passage of Scripture on grace and learn what grace truly means. Let your hearts be set free by the fact that God did it all already through Christ.

## My Mission As Parent

- One of the greatest biblical truths we can teach our children is that we deserve wrath, but God was gracious to us by sending His Son to die on the cross and bear the wrath we deserved. We need to teach our children daily that we can never do enough good to earn salvation. Salvation is by grace through Christ alone.
- As you work in your career, are you teaching your children that you are working for God or for your own self? God wants us to work heartily for Him and Him alone and not primarily for others to see. It is good to work hard in our careers, but we must relate to our children that all of our work is primarily for the Lord and should be done to honor Him.

## Prayer Points

- Praise God for His grace in our lives. Pray that others would see God's grace through you.
- Pray that you would not try to earn your salvation through works but that you would rely on God's grace through faith alone.
- Praise God for sending Jesus to be your Savior.