

# IT'S ALL GRACE

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 | Matthew 20:1-16

What would a kingdom without grace look like?

Jesus offers a \_\_\_\_\_

Consider your \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus says it is time for \_\_\_\_\_

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Reminder: In the New Testament, when talking about a Kingdom it is shorthand for the King, the ruler of that kingdom. When Jesus is talking about His kingdom, he's talking about what the rule and will of the king of his kingdom is – what it looks like. Jesus is King. His kingdom, as He says, is not from this place, but He is rightly King of All. So when Jesus talks in parables about His kingdom is not some other place or time, but now, in our present, that His kingdom breaks forth. It may be helpful to go read John 18:33-39.

Reflect:

There is a *political* reality to who Jesus is as he lives in *contrast* to the kingdoms of the earth and their rulers. How does Jesus engage the politics of Pilate? Of us?

When people invoke Jesus in the name of a different kingdom, what does that do to the kingdom of God? Try thinking of it this way: these other people use the name of Jesus to support x but my side uses the name of Jesus to support y. Is Jesus bound to our kingdom's politics?

Respond & Remember:

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9