

Royal Duties

(I) An “Upside-Down” Kingdom

The Parable of the Compassionate Employer / Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

1. Why Did The Vineyard Owner (Employer) Not Send His Steward To The Marketplace?

2. Why Does The Owner Keep Going Back?

3. Why Not Just Give Handouts?

4. Why Pay the First Worker Last?

5. Is This Unfairness Or Injustice?

6. Why Equal Pay?

7. Where Do We See Ourselves in this Parable?

(II) An “Inside-Out” Kingdom

(a) Man’s view of Justice

(b) God’s view of Justice

(c) ‘Just’ like Jesus Discussion Questions

1. Share in your group: How would you define/describe Justice? What do you think are some of your misconceptions about Justice after what you’ve heard in this sermon?

2. Describe God’s view of Justice in one sentence (if possible). What is one thing you have learnt/one new revelation about God’s Justice?

3. Think about your routine each day/think about the past week. Where do you think the Justice of God could have been at work, and what were some opportunities for you to live justly? What would you have done different?

4. Consider/share about some justice issues around you, in which you may have a chance to seek first the Kingdom of God.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

1. What would you say is the most important of our royal duties in the kingdom?
Explain and elaborate
2. A royal is often an ambassador and a representative of their kingdom. How do you feel about taking on that role?
3. Describe an occasion where you have been inspired by someone who has executed their royal duties well.
4. None of us can carry out all the 'royal duties' in every place - what do you think your particular royal duties might be in this season of your life?
5. What motivates you in carrying out your royal duties?