

# LORD LIKE NO OTHER

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**9“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.”**

— Matthew 20:9–11 (NIV)



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## HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

In 2022, 61% of employees in the United States said they had witnessed workplace discrimination.

## ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Have you ever been in a group project (whether office or schoolwork) where you felt that not everyone was contributing fairly?

## LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- It's normal to expect a fair exchange. This is how the world works.
- But there are times when we are entitled without realizing it. We compare ourselves with others and think we know what we deserve—even from God!
- The truth is, God rules by grace, not by what we deserve.
- Following Jesus is not about expectations but a lifelong commitment.
- We need to trust Jesus' generosity, sacrifice, and compassion, not our own achievements or credentials.
- God loves us and knows what's best. Ultimately, the greatest reward will be having Jesus over anything else.

## PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

### **Discuss Together** (*pick one*)

- What are some ways that you compare yourself with others? Do you do this frequently? How do you remind yourself that this is an unhealthy habit?
- Have you ever thought of God as unfair? What happened? Why do you think it happened that way and what is God telling you about it?

### **Pray Together** (*pick one*)

- Thank Jesus for His grace and mercy, that gives us life when we deserve death, and hope even when we sin against Him.
- Thank Him for the unfair exchange He made, a God that was crucified and sacrificed for sinful human beings out of His love for us.

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**<sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup>Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”**

— Matthew 20:13–16 (NIV)