



Sermon Discussion Questions:

"The Danger of Deserve"

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- What do Jonah's anger at Nineveh's rescue and the early vineyard workers' complaint reveal about how people respond to generosity shown to others?
- How does the question 'Are you upset because I am gracious?' challenge the way we judge what others deserve?
- Why might people who have much focus on the apparent unfairness to the early workers, while people familiar with day labor focus on the landowner's care for the last workers?
- What is the difference between being grateful for grace received and being gracious when someone else receives it?
- How can a sense of entitlement or resentment make it harder to recognize God's gifts in our own lives?
- What does Jonah's concern for the shade plant, compared with God's concern for Nineveh, teach about where compassion can be narrowed or enlarged?
- How might remembering that grace is an unearned gift change the way a church treats people it thinks have done too little or received too much?