

Sermon Notes

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October 18, 2015

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- Instinctively ... would you say that you understand grace? Explain. If you were to point to some *confusion* or *suspicion* you have about grace, what would it be?
- How do you understand the saying, "We miss the point if we try to be *gracious* without a connection to *grace's* source?"
- What was your first reaction to Jesus' story told in Mt 20:1-16? Does it seem fair? Reasonable? Logical? How so?
- Pastor Steve described *the deserved deception*. In your own words, explain how that applies to salvation.
- If Jesus had a trophy case called, "*Grace Moves*," can you think of people in the Bible whose trophies would be on display? Check out Luke 7:36-50 and 23:40-43. Would He have a trophy of you?

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