**Family Devotion**

**Week beginning:** 7th July

**Passage:** Matt 20:1-16

**Topic:** True Grace

I hope you found last week’s devotion helpful for you as a family. Here’s something based on Paul’s talk at church on Sunday from Matthew 20:1-16. Do keep persevering in the work of raising your kids to know and love Jesus. I pray this helps you do this.

Read Jesus parable about the workers in the vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16

1. Do you think it is fair that the land owner paid the workers all the same amount regardless of how long they worked in the vineyard? Why / why not?
2. Why did the land owner pay the workers all the same amount regardless of how long they worked in the vineyard (v15)?
3. What do the following represent in the parable:
	* the landowner [God]
	* the vineyard [Kingdom of Heaven]
	* the workers [Us]
	* their pay / gift [Eternal life]
4. If the pay / gift the landowner pays the workers equals the gift of eternal life that God gives us, what does this show how we can receive the gift of eternal life?
* Do we have to work for it / earn it? or
* Does God give it to us because he is kind and generous?
1. What does this parable teach us about:
* God
* Who is invited into God’s kingdom
1. Spend some time praying.
* Give thanks for God’s kindness and generosity in giving us the gift of eternal life
* Thank God for inviting us into his kingdom
* Pray we would be grateful for the gift of eternal life he gives us