

Family Table Talk

for the week of September 17, 2017

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

Read it . . .

Matthew
20:1-16

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

A Story about Comparing

Have you ever wondered why some people have cool stuff that you don't have? Some girls always wish they were as pretty as that one other girl. Some athletes always wish they were as fast or as strong as their rival. Even the smart kids always wish they were smarter than everyone else.

Do you think God is smart?

Do you think God cares about you?

Think about those two questions for a minute.

If God loves you, and if God is smart, do you think that God knew what He was doing when He made you who you are? He gave you the family you have, the mind you have, the body you have. He doesn't make mistakes. And He loves you.

So don't look at what other people have and think, "I wish God made me that way, instead." It's not fair to compare the blessings God gave you with the blessings He gave others.

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Read Exodus 16:2-3</p> <p>The Israelites had been slaves for hundreds of years and now God was leading them to freedom. Why were they so whiney about it? What were they comparing?</p>	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Read Exodus 16:2-15</p> <p>The Israelites had just seen God do all kinds of amazing miracles to help them escape Egypt. What miracle does God do to stop their grumbling?</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Read Psalm 105:37-45</p> <p>Here is something to compare: how are the people acting in this praise song compared to how they acted in the story you read in Exodus? What is different?</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 20:1-16</p> <p>Family Game Night! Pull out the old Life or Monopoly or Settlers of Catan (or your family favorite) game. How can you have fun whether you win or lose?</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 20:1-16</p> <p>Do you think the owner of the vineyard was being fair to the workers? What is the silver coin the farmer paid a symbol of?</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Read Philippians 1:21-30</p> <p>Paul talks about hard times as if it's something God <i>lets</i> us deal with instead of something God <i>makes</i> us deal with. What is the difference?</p>

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

Coming Up Next Week:

A Story about Two Sons