

TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:

- How would you rate your Biblical literacy? No matter what your level of experience with the Bible, there is always more!
- What is your gameplan for going deeper in God's Word? What tools/techniques are you going to adopt to help you stick to this gameplan?

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UPCOMING EVENTS at JC:

- NEW SERIES @ JC starting next week 5/15
"The Chosen"
- Men's Breakfast Sat. 5/7 @ 8am – Ray of Light/JC Space above A1
- Women's Breakfast Sat. 5/21 @ 9am – Ray of Light/JC Space above A1

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE – Week #2

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The Parables of Jesus

The parables in the Gospel accounts reflect three important themes.

1. Parables About the Surprising Arrival and Nature of God's Kingdom

- The four soils (Matt 13:3-23; Mark 4:3-20; Luke 8:5-15)
- The seed growing at night (Mark 4:26-29)
- The wheat and the weeds (Matt 13:24-30, 36-43)
- The mustard seed and the hidden leaven (Matt 13:31-33)
- The treasure and the pearl (Matt 13:44-46)

2. Parables About the Upside-Down Value System Arriving with God's Kingdom

- Radical forgiveness of sins
 - The two debtors (Luke 7:41-43)
 - The unforgiving servant (Matt 18:23-35)
- Reorientation to wealth and status
 - The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
 - The foolish farmer (Luke 12:13-21)



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- The inclusive character of God’s Kingdom people
 - The workers in the vineyard (Matt 20:1-16)
 - The Pharisee and tax collector (Luke 18:9-14)
 - The lost sheep, coin, and son (Luke 15)
- The image of scattered, lost sheep being found is a common one for exile and restoration (Exodus 34:11-13)
- The imagery of a foolish son who dishonors his father and goes into exile in the land of the gentiles is a patent image of exile (Hosea 11:1-12)
- The analogical pairing of a lost/dead son who is now found/alive pairs exile/death and restoration/resurrection imagery from Genesis 3 and Ezekiel 36-37 in a profound way.

3. Parables About the Crisis of Decision Caused by Jesus’ Offer of the Kingdom

- The evil vineyard managers (Matthew 21:33-46)
- The wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)
- The builders on rock or sand (Matthew 7:24-27)
- The tower builder and the warring king (Luke 14:28-32)
- The servants and the talents (Matthew 25:14-30)
- The ten young women at the wedding (Matthew 25:1-13)
- The sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46)
- The shrewd manager (Luke 16:1-13)

The Parable of casting Mustard Seeds at night

And he was saying, “The Kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know. “The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. “But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” And he said, “How shall we imagine the Kingdom of God, or by what can we compare it? “It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows up

and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade.” MARK 4:26-32

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind ; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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