

The purpose of this focus is not as much historical as _____ for us.

In focusing on these eight days, we are not looking for knowledge as much as _____, not looking for facts as much as _____.

The parables of Jesus either give you great comfort or discomfort according to how you _____ yourself in the story.

We are like the first hearers, comfortable with the parable as long as we never consider that we might be the _____ in the story.

This parable, like all parables of Jesus, are _____, not confined to the original hearers. We should, when reading a parable, always consider that we might be the _____ in the story.

Questions to consider for us today:

How are we tending our “vineyard” that God has given us to oversee?

Are we tending our “vineyard” only looking to better our own short term interests or are we ultimately looking to serve our Lord?

How might we move our hearts back to our “first love” and away from the love of self?