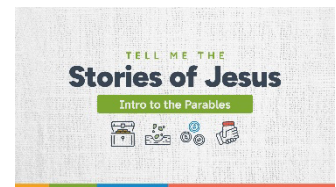


TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

Intro to the Parables

Matthew 13
Pastor Chris Lenhart - 9/7/25



The Parable of the Rested Farmer

Opening Thought Question:

Why did Jesus teach in parables?

Some questions we will explore in the series...

Why parables? (10-15)

One purpose of the parables...

Another purpose of the parables...

For those who have believed... (16-17)

Soil Samples for Modern Sowers...

- Soil Sample A:
- Soil Sample B:
- Soil Sample C:
- Soil Sample D:

Question for self-reflection: How would the rhythms and contours of my life speak to the way in which I have heard and responded to the gospel?

The Purpose of the Parables (34-35)

The parables testify and give witness to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God, sent from God to save us from our sins.

Further Study

Matt. 13

Mark 1:14-15
Matt. 13:53-58
Is. 6:9-10
Matt. 13:1-9
2 Sam. 12:1-7
Ps. 51

Matt. 13:18-23

Psalm 78:2

<p>TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS</p> <h2>Intro to the Parables</h2> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Matt. 13</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Matthew 13:1-23</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does Jesus use parables in his ministry? What is it about parables that make them a powerful and effective method of communication? 2. How did Nathan effectively make use of parables when needing to confront King David? (2 Sam. 12) 3. Take time to discuss the various types of soil that Sowers of the gospel will encounter. Which type of soil makes up the majority of those you regularly encounter each day? 4. One of the primary themes of Matthew 13 is how people receive and/or respond to the gospel. How does gaining familiarity with these various responses encourage perseverance as we sow seeds? 5. Journal or take time to discuss some of your favorite parables. Which of the parables have been most challenging and/or encouraging to you? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Matt. 13 Mark 1:14-15 Matt. 13:53-58 Is. 6:9-10 Matt. 13:1-9 2 Sam. 12:1-7 Ps. 51 Matt. 13:18-23 Psalm 78:2</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>