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Film Festival '26



**Stories of  
Subversion**  
The Parables of Jesus

CineLounge Sunset -- Hollywood

April 19, 2026



# iPhone Film Festival

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Participation is open to anyone to submit a short film/video (3-12 minutes) shot on phones around the theme of “Stories of Subversion” – the parables of Jesus. Pick a parable from the list (see next page), and explore themes, questions, or anything about it that intrigues you. Films can be any genre (documentary, comedy, drama, spoken word, music videos, TED talks, etc.), and will be judged in either the “fiction” or “non-fiction” category. Film/video makers of all skill levels are encouraged to submit their work.

Films/videos will be judged according to three criteria: creativity/originality, emotional or intellectual impact, and best depictions of real life/practical spirituality. All faith backgrounds are welcome!

Films will need to be submitted via downloadable online link (Vimeo, YouTube, etc.) by **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM (PST)**.

There is no entry fee. To enter, or for more info or questions, simply email Dr. David Cobia ([David@ReImagineChurch.Church](mailto:David@ReImagineChurch.Church)) with the subject line “iPhone Film Fest ‘26.”

For more info on Reimagine, scan the QR code to the right.

**Entry deadline: March 15, 2026 (films due by April 10)**

**\$2500  
Grand Prize**

**\$1000  
Jury Prize**

**\$ 500  
Showcase  
Prize  
(2 fiction;  
2 non-fiction)**



**Parables are stories with a purpose.** They invite us to think differently – to subvert the norm. Take a look at the following list – is there a story you can tell? A question to explore? A way to help people think out of the box?

You are invited to explore the myriad of topics, ideas and real-life situations connected to the ancient wisdom and challenges of these words. Pick one -- get creative -- and show your stuff!

- **The Shrewd (Dishonest) Manager** (*Luke 16:1–13*) - Jesus challenges his followers to use worldly resources wisely and purposefully for eternal good, not short-term self-interest.
- **The Workers in the Vineyard** (*Matthew 20:1–16*) - God's grace is lavish and sovereign, given by generosity rather than earned by comparison or length of service.
- **The Prodigal Son** (*Luke 15:11–32*) - God joyfully welcomes the repentant home while exposing the quiet resentment of self-righteous hearts.
- **The Parable of the Talents** (*Matthew 25:14–30*) - Faithfulness means actively using what God has entrusted to us, not hiding it out of fear.
- **The Parable of the Sower** (*Matthew 13:1–23*) — The fruitfulness of God's word depends on the condition and responsiveness of the hearer's heart.
- **The Friend at Midnight and/or The Unjust Judge** (*Luke 11:5–8; 18:1-8*) - Persistent, bold prayer reflects trust in God's willingness to respond, not reluctance to be overcome.
- **The Mustard Seed** (*Matthew 13:31–32*) — God's kingdom begins insignificantly but grows into something far greater than expected.