

Parables



Part 1: The Kingdom of Heaven

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Matthew 13:44–46

What is a parable?

Why use parables?

Matthew 13:3, 10–13, 16–17

Parables communicate deep _____ in simple and _____ ways.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like....

1. *Matthew 13:44*

2. *Matthew 13:45–46*

Cost: Following Christ must be the most important thing in your _____ and the life of your _____.

Reward: Nothing like _____.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like....

Matthew 16:25

Not looking for the _____ of Jesus.

Filling the _____ with Jesus.

Talk It Over

1. What's one idea from the message that stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. In what ways have you not sold out for Jesus? Work? Kid's sports or hobbies? Credit card debt? Things? Popularity? Hobbies? Language? Food or drinks?
3. Read through other parables of Jesus (found on the next page). What is Jesus saying to you through these teachings?
4. Rewrite the parable of "the kingdom of heaven" in a way that makes sense in your setting. What is the cost and reward?
5. What areas in your life do you need to surrender; to "lose" so Jesus can give true life? The life of your family?
6. What language or "Christianese" do you use that may be confusing or even off-putting for others? Confess these and be mindful of your words! Try to speak deep truth in simple ways this week.

Parables of Jesus in Chronological Order

	Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke
1	New cloth on an old coat	9:16	2:21	5:36
2	New wine in old wineskins	9:17	2:22	5:37-38
3	Lamp on a stand (also see #6)	5:14-15		
4	Wise and foolish builders	7:24-27		6:47-49
5	Moneylender forgives unequal debts			7:41-43
6	Lamp on a stand (2 nd time, see #3)		4:21-22	8:16, 11:33
7	Rich man foolishly builds bigger barns			12:16-21
8	Servants must remain watchful (also see #44)			12:35-40
9	Wise and foolish servants (also see #42)			12:42-48
10	Unfruitful fig tree			13:6-9
11	Sower and four types of soil	13:3-8, 18-23	4:3-8, 14-20	8:5-8, 11-15
12	Weeds among good plants (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:24-30, 36-43		
13	Growing seed (Kingdom of Heaven)		4:26-29	
14	Mustard seed (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
15	Yeast (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:33		13:20-21
16	Hidden treasure (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:44		
17	Valuable pearl (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:45-46		
18	Fishing net (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:47-50		
19	Owner of a house (Kingdom of Heaven)	13:52		
20	Lost sheep (sheep as children, also see #29)	18:12-14		
21	The sheep, gate, and shepherd	(John 10:1-5, 7-18)		
22	Master and his servant			17:7-10
23	Unmerciful servant (Kingdom of Heaven)	18:23-34		
24	Good Samaritan			10:30-37
25	Friend in need			11:5-8

26	Lowest seat at the feast			14:7-14
27	Invitation to a great banquet			14:16-24
28	Cost of discipleship			14:28-33
29	Lost sheep (sheep as sinners, also see #20)			15:4-7
30	Lost coin			15:8-10
31	Lost (prodigal) son			15:11-32
32	Shrewd manager			16:1-8
33	Rich man and Lazarus			16:19-31
34	Workers in the vineyard, early and late	20:1-16		
35	Persistent widow and crooked judge			18:2-8
36	Pharisee and tax collector			18:10-14
37	King's ten servants given minas (also see #45)			19:12-27
38	Two sons, one obeys one does not	21:28-32		
39	Wicked tenants	21:33-44	12:1-11	20:9-18
40	Invitation to a wedding banquet	22:2-14		
41	Signs of the future from a fig tree	24:32-35	13:28-29	21:29-31
42	Wise and foolish servants (2 nd time, see #9)	24:45-51		
43	Wise and foolish virgins	25:1-13		
44	Servants must remain watchful (2 nd time, see #8)		13:35-37	
45	Three servants given talents (also see #37)	25:14-30		
46	Sheep and goats will be separated	25:31-46		