

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Week 1

Getting Started

- What do you think a “parable” is? How have you encountered and experienced parables before?
- Jesus has a “clear and powerful message,” and the parables are a tool for shedding light on that message. In your own words, what do you think that message is?



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Further Discussion

- What do you think makes a teacher “effective”? What made Jesus an effective teacher? What made it distinctive? How have you been affected or even surprised by Jesus’s teaching and ministry?
- What do we need to keep in mind for interpreting, understanding, and preaching Jesus’s parables? What contexts should we tune into for hearing the parables better?
- What did Jesus mean when he proclaimed the “kingdom of God/heaven”? Why is this an important context to understand for hearing Jesus’s teaching, and specifically his parables?