

LESSON 20 – THE PARABLES OF JESUS

1.) What is a parable? A parable is a story that takes something _____ and compares it to something that is _____.

Read: Matthew 13:11-17

*1.) What is the purpose of parables?

- a.) v. 11 – To _____ spiritual truths to believers
- b.) v. 13-15 – To _____ spiritual truths from unbelievers

Read: Matthew 13:1-10

- One constant in the story: the farmer sows the seed = _____

Type of Soil:	Result:	Type of Heart:	Result:

*1.) What lessons can we learn from this parable?

- a.) The _____ works _____ in the hearts
- b.) Hearts receive the Word _____
- c.) God’s goal is for faith to produce _____

Read: Luke 15:1-10

- Context is the key to understanding this section of parables. The Pharisees could not fathom that God could welcome such “sinners” into his kingdom.

1.) What similarities do you see between these two parables?

- a.) _____ thing valuable is _____
- b.) A careful _____ is made until it is _____
- c.) There is _____ in finding the lost

***d.) In the same way there is joy in heaven among God and the angels over _____
sinner who _____!**

Luke 15:11-32

1.) Who is the Father? _____

2.) Who is the younger brother? _____

3.) Who is the older brother? _____

4.) What change took place in the pig pen? _____

5.) How did the father react to his son's return? _____

*6.) How does God treat us the same way? _____

7.) The older son did not treasure the relationship he had with his father nor was he joyful at his brother's safe return. He was in the family but not part of it. So too the religious leaders did not see themselves in need of God's forgiveness and grace nor were they joyful when sinners received the same.

Read: Luke 18:9-14

*1.) What's the point of this parable? (v. 14)

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Where do we see God's law?

- Beware of rejecting God's Word, the worries of life, the lies of wealth
- God wants faith to produce good works
- We are to love the lost and rejoice when anyone repents of their sin
- We should not see ourselves as holier than anyone else
- We are to acknowledge our sins to God

Where do we see the Gospel?

- God's Word creates faith in our hearts and good works in our lives
- God loves us and searches for us when we are lost in our sins
- God REJOICES when we repent and FORGIVES our sins