

Home Group Discussion Questions

TBC SERMON SERIES: Stories of Jesus

Message #2: Stories From Jesus

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

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MY STORY:

- 1) Have you ever known a teacher who was particularly good at using stories to teach or illustrate points? Elaborate.
- 2) How does your faith impact your “corner of the world” (aka: your sphere of influence)?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue our series called *Stories of Jesus* covering some of the parables Jesus told. Jesus was a phenomenal teacher who used stories to great effect. Parables served to both illustrate points for his serious followers as well as obscure things at times from those who were not truly seeking after him. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 13:31-33.

- 1) How is the kingdom of heaven like a mustard seed? What is the point of this parable?
- 2) How is the kingdom of heaven like leaven? What is the point of this parable?
- 3) How do the points of these parables compare to the Church's reality in the world throughout history?

Read Matthew 13:44-46.

- 4) How is the kingdom of heaven like a treasure? What is the treasure? What is the point of this parable?

- 5) How is the kingdom of heaven like a merchant? What is the pearl? What is the point of this parable?

Read Matthew 13:47-50.

- 6) How is the kingdom of heaven like a net? What is the point of this parable?
- 7) Read Matt 13:24-30, 36-43. The parable of the weeds makes much the same point as the parable of the net. How does the current condition of the Church compare to the situation described by the net and the weeds?
- 8) Should we attempt to separate the good and bad fish now? How does this relate to the responsibility of “guarding the flock” that Elders are charged with?

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) How does your life reflect your view of the great value of the kingdom of heaven?
- 2) How does the reality of the final judgement impact your desire to share the gospel with others? How does it impact how you live your life more generally?

Prayer Requests:

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