



Unit 25, Session 1

Kingdom Parables

Matthew 13

Story Point: God's growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

Jesus told the people parables to teach them about the kingdom of God.

Jesus told a parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it grows taller than the garden plants. It becomes a tree, and the birds come and build nests in its branches."

Jesus continued, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, or yeast, that a woman mixed into fifty pounds of flour. The leaven makes the dough rise."

Jesus told another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, buried in a field, that a man found. He reburied it, and then he joyfully sold everything he had and bought that field."

Then Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it."

When Jesus finished teaching the crowds, He left that place and went to Nazareth.

Christ Connection: The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- What did Jesus say the kingdom of God is like? Unscramble each description.

1. RASMTUD EDES _____

2. VALENE _____

3. SURETREA _____

4. a merchant looking for fine REALPS _____

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What four stories did Jesus tell to teach about God's kingdom?

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APPLY the Story

- Why did Jesus teach in parables?
- What role can you play in growing God's kingdom?
- What is most valuable to you? How do your actions show its value?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to give you understanding of His Word and a desire to seek His kingdom above all else.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 3:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 78:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 1:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 11:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1:6-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:28 |



Unit 25, Session 2

Three Parables

Luke 15

Story Point: Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Jesus told them three parables to teach about God. Jesus said, “If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 sheep and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it.” Jesus also said, “If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it.”

Jesus told a third story. “A man had two sons. The younger son said, ‘Father, give me my inheritance today.’ So the father did. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. The younger son decided to go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants.

“His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize.

“But the father told his servants, ‘Let’s

celebrate with a feast! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!’

“At this time, the older son came from the fields. ‘What’s going on?’ he asked one of the servants.

“‘Your brother is here,’ the servant said. ‘Your father is celebrating.’ The older brother was angry!

“‘Son,’ the father said, ‘everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate. Your brother was lost and is found.’”

Christ Connection: The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God’s forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.