



Series : Kingdom Parables

Passage Mathew 13:1-23

Title: What Life is Like in God's Kingdom

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Discussion Starter –As believers we have the benefit of the Holy Spirit to guide our understanding of scripture. How is this apparent in the Kingdom Parables? Was it difficult for you to understand scripture before you came to a saving knowledge of Jesus?

Why did Jesus Teach the Parables?

- We are learning about "The Kingdom Parables" in this series. Whose kingdom is being referenced? How do you become a citizen of this kingdom? What responsibilities and duties if any do you have as a citizen of this kingdom?
- Pastor David said that the parables describe what life is like in God's Kingdom. There were two sets of people following Jesus, the multitudes and the disciples. What is the difference between them? Who were the parables meant for and what was their purpose?
- Why might it be difficult for unbelievers to fully comprehend the meaning of the parables? (See 1 Corinthians 1:18). Why and to whom does Jesus conceal truths about the Kingdom of God? Read John 9:39-41. What additional insights are revealed in these verses?
- Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10. In what context are these verses often misquoted? How are these verses and Jesus' teaching via parables in Matthew 13:11-2 related?

The Parable of the Sower

- This parable describes a farmer sowing seed for his crop. Who or what does the sower, the seed, and the soil represent as it relates to understanding this parable?
- Some of the seed fell along the path and was eaten by birds. What do the birds represent? What might this indicate about the conditions of a person's heart? How is the related to the unpardonable sin (See Matthew 12:33-37).
- Some of the seed fell onto rocky soil. The plant sprouted quickly but was scorched and withered because they had a poor root system. What does this rocky soil represent? What are some real life examples of things that manifest in the life of someone with rocky soil?
- Some seed fell onto thorny soil but the weeds choked out the plants, limiting the growth of the good plants. What do the weeds represent? Why is a thorny heart difficult to recognize? Are there some weeds that need to be pulled out in your life? What are they and how do we go about the process of removing them?
- How might someone who has come to a saving faith in Jesus still need to be concerned with the parable of the sower and the condition of their own soil?
- Read Romans 10:17, Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15-6 and Matthew 28:16-20. How do these verses encourage you to be a sower of God's seed? What does it mean to you to be a sower of God's seed? How does this relate to the good soil?