



JESUS, STORYTELLER

STUDYING THE PARABLES OF JESUS

HOME STUDY FOR OCTOBER 3, 2017

- Day 1 Parable of the Prodigal Son Read Luke 15:11-32 First impressions?
- How does this parable build on themes from your study last week on the Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin? What are the words it shares in common with them?
 - How does this story challenge you? Comfort you?
 - Are you capable of joy?
- Day 2 Parable of the Dinner Party Luke 14:15-24 First impressions?
- What is the setting and who is Jesus addressing? What is the atmosphere surrounding the dinner? 14:1
 - Read vv. 7-14 as a prelude to this story. How does this add to your understanding of the parable?
 - Read Matthew 22:1-14 where Jesus tells the same story with a much different feel to it. What differences do you find and why do you suppose they are there?
- Day 3 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35 First impressions?
- Who is Jesus addressing and what prompted the telling of this story?
 - There is obviously a bit of hyperbole in this story. If a talent is a monetary unit worth about 15 years wages of a day laborer (10,000 talents equals 150,000 years of wages) and a denarius is a typical day wage for a laborer (100 denarii equals about 3 months wages), what is the exaggeration intended to communicate?
 - How forgiving a person are you? Why?
- Day 4 Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37 First impressions?
- Who is being addressed and what prompted the telling of this story?
 - Have you ever been surprised by a caring or generous act by someone who you would have suspected least likely to do so? Have you ever been dismayed by the lack of response by someone you thought would help?
 - Have you ever surprised someone with a Good Samaritan act? What motivated you? What would have been a good reason not to have done it?