



## JESUS, STORYTELLER

### STUDYING THE PARABLES OF JESUS

#### HOME STUDY FOR OCTOBER 17, 2017

- Day 1 Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-9 First impressions?
- Who is the audience of this story?
  - What do you think the soils represent? What does the seed represent?
  - Read 13:18-23. This is one of the rare places where Jesus offers an interpretation. Who was audience for story (v.2)? For the interpretation (v. 10)?
  - Why do you think Matthew chooses this story to be the introduction to a series of parables?
- Day 2 Parable of the Seeds and Weeds Matthew 13: 24-30 First impressions?
- If you read this as a follower of Jesus, who or what are the weeds?
  - If you read this as a Jew or a Roman citizen, who are the weeds?
  - Think of a time in your life/ in history when an effort at “weed” eradication resulted in damage to God’s “garden”.
- Day 3 Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast Matthew 13:31-35 First impressions?
- What do the seed and yeast have in common?
  - What do the results have in common?
  - Who have been mustard seed planters and yeast incorporators in your life?
  - The mustard seed shows up again in Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 17:20. How does it connect with this parable?
- Day 4 Parables of the Treasure, Pearl, and Net Matthew 13:44-53 First impressions?
- Matthew concludes this section with a grouping of three parables. Can you see any connections between these three stories?
  - Six of the seven parables in Matthew 13 begin “The kingdom of heaven is like...” Why doesn’t Jesus just come out and say what the kingdom of heaven is, where it is, and how you know it when you see it? Or does He?
  - In the parable of the wedding banquet Matt. 22:1-14, the gathering of good and bad also occurs (v.10) What is different there?
  - Why don’t the fisherman sort what is in the net?