



**JESUS, STORYTELLER**  
**STUDYING THE PARABLES OF JESUS**  
**HOME STUDY FOR OCTOBER 10 ,2017**

Day 1 Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14 First impressions?

What prompts the telling of this story?

How does this story connect with the bringing of children to Jesus in vv. 15-17?

How does it connect with the story of the rich young ruler in vv. 18-27?

“Who can be saved?”

Does this parable encourage or discourage you?

Day 2 Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16 First impressions?

How does this parable connect with the previous verse in 19:30?

What aspect of the parable reminds you of the story of Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)?

Is life fair? Is God fair? Do you ever wish God was not as generous with grace and merciful? Why do you think some are more attracted to a “just” God than to a “merciful” God?

Day 3 Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30 First impressions?

Who is his audience? Matthew 24:3

What is the most valuable gift God has given us? What are we to do with it?

How willing are you to take risks with your faith? Describe some ways you might put your faith to good use and invest in the kingdom.

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 every surprised someone who did not expect you to care for them and you did? Did anything change as a result?