

Lesson #10: Jesus, Life Giver

Welcome Prayer & Review of previous week: Jesus, Storyteller (15 minutes)

- Stories help us remember.
- Jesus was a superb storyteller.
- We are 2 ½ years of Jesus ministry located in Galilee.
- Jesus was facing opposition so He only spoke in parables.
- Jesus did not honor the Pharisees and priests as they thought he should.
 - 1 John says if you don't love others, you don't have the Scriptures.
 - At His birth, none of the religious leaders went with the wise men.
 - They were jealous of Jesus because his ministry was growing.
- Matthew 13 refers to "that day" meaning 3 major things happened.
 - Jesus healed the demon possessed man.
 - Demanded a sign. They wanted an OT sign, ie: water divides, sun stopped, etc...
 - Mother and brothers came to find him while he was healing and preaching because they were concerned.
 - Jesus said, my family is he who does the will of God.
 - That day – a large ground came, Jesus got in a boat and began to teach in parables.
 - Parables are not fantasy but a simple literary device to teach spiritual truth with everyday objects.
- Now Jesus teaches of Kingdom of God and Heaven.
 - God was in everything.
 - God would destroy His enemies.
 - Jesus brought a new way to look at the kingdom of God.
 - Kingdom of God is a central theme – 107 mentions
 - He spoke in parables so believers would know and an unbeliever would not have understanding.
- The kingdom of God is not how the religious leaders understand it would be.

Parables: Jesus was fulfilling prophecy with the parables – Matthew 13:35b and Psalm 78:2

- Soil – 3 different kinds of outcomes from this teaching.
 - Jesus will give understanding to what you are seeking.
 - Gospel is choked out with affliction, wealth, worry, and hardness of heart.
 - Mercy on a hard heart.
- Wheat and Tares
 - There are those who look like they are in the kingdom of God, but their heart is far away.
 - Mustard plant has the smallest seed but grows larger than you can imagine.
- Leaven
 - The kingdom planted in a person, it will grow until it consumes the whole person.
- Hidden treasure
 - Was not looking for a treasure but knew the value when it was found. About being made alive in Christ.
 - Merchant was looking for treasure and sold everything once he found it.

- Dragnet
 - Jesus will bring all people before him and He will doing the separating.

This is the plan for the kingdom.

- There are 4 responses and the Kingdom of God has people who look like they belong.
- The kingdom starts small but grows huge.
- The process is sanctification.
- Hell is real and God does not want His children going in this direction.

Homework Discussion on Storyteller – In small groups (30 minutes)

Choose a few questions ahead of time from each of the five daily studies to discuss in small groups, or you can use the sample questions below.

Study 1: Jesus Teachers in Parables

- Page 141: Questions 4, 5, 7

Study 2: The Parable Explained

- Page 142: Question 3

Study 3: Tares Among Wheat

- Page 144: 5, 7

Study 4: Seed and Leaven

- Page 146: 7

Study 5: A Treasure, a Pearl, and a Dragnet

- Page 147: 3, 5 (both parts)
- Page 148: 6 (both parts)

Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Life Giver (5 minutes)

- We often hear the phrase, “Pick up your cross and follow Jesus,” but what does it mean?
- Jesus offered life wherever He went – today we will see Jesus quieted the sea as well as a demoniac. He healed with a touch, a little girl dying and a bleeding woman.
- Jesus warned about sheep in wolves clothing, taught about discipleship and rewards as they remembered John the Baptist.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- When have you seen Jesus heal and provide life?
- What does discipleship mean?
- Share prayer requests.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)