

# Parables | July 25 – August 1, 2021

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 13:51-52

**Icebreaker Questions:** What do you prefer, old things or new things? Why?

#### Read Matthew 13:51-51

- Why might Jesus have asked this question?
- What do you think about their answer?
- Read John 14:26, 16:13-15. What do these verses tell us that can give us confidence in our ability to understand these parables and the rest of the Bible?
- Who were the scribes? (see Nehemiah 8:8) How were the disciples like the scribes of the Old Testament?
- What is “the new” that Jesus was teaching his disciples? What is “the old” that Jesus was fulfilling?
- How does the message of the Bible give boundary lines to the message we communicate?

#### Re-read the whole chapter together, Matthew 13:1-52

- What most captures your imagination, new revelations or old tried and true sayings? Why are you drawn one way or the other?
- What was Jesus trying to teach about the kingdom through the seven parables?
- What have you come to understand through these parables?
- What do you think you lack in your understanding after hearing these seven parables?
- What are the two lies that should alert you that there is a problem with what you are hearing? (See Genesis 3:1 and 3:5)
- Give examples of where you hear these two lies in our current culture.
- What is the truth of God’s Word that allows us to stand firm in the face of these lies?
- What are ways you want to respond to Jesus as a result of these parables?

Pray together as a group that we would stand firm as those who proclaim the truth of God’s word to a dying world that is desperate for the life brought by King Jesus.



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