

# THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

## Great Stories about God's Kingdom

Sunday, October 3 | Tommy Duke  
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### Memory Verse:

*"Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: 'I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world.'" – Matthew 13:34-35 (NLT)*

### WHAT IS A PARABLE?

An \_\_\_\_\_

with a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jesus' Favorite Parable Topics:

\_\_\_\_\_

Prayer

Forgiveness

Compassion

Stewardship

\_\_\_\_\_

Love

Eternity

\_\_\_\_\_

### The Stories of God's Kingdom

*(Parables from Matthew 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25; Mark 4)*

The Actors:

The Actions:

### The Choice Between Two Kingdoms:

The Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ vs. The Kingdom of this World.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

- I \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS AS \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY LIFE.

(Jesus) *“My kingdom is not of this world.”* – John 18:36 (NKJV)

*“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”* – Romans 10:9 (NLT)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ KINGDOM LIVING THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.

(Jesus) *“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.”* – John 8:31 (NLT)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ FROM OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM.

### **The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds – Matthew 13:24-30**

*“Here is another story Jesus told: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.’”* – Matthew 13:24-25 (NLT)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.

(Jesus) *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* – Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD'S KINGDOM \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Parable of the Fishing Net – Matthew 13:47-50**

(Jesus) *“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”* – Matthew 13:47-50 (NLT)

(Jesus) *“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”* – Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

### **MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Matthew 13:34-35.
- Engage Jesus' parables and grow in my relationship with God this Fall.
- Attend *The Greatest Stories Ever Told* teaching series (as much as possible).
- Sign up for Fall Growth Group # \_\_\_\_\_.

Join us again next weekend as we continue *The Greatest Stories Ever Told* with  
*“Great Stories about Radical Compassion.”* Invite a friend to join you!

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