



Lesson

2

The
PARABLES
of Jesus

LIFE CHANGING STORIES

THE BEGINNING

Parables Lesson 2 Handout

Verses from Israel Video:

Luke 8:4

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

Matthew 13:1–3

1 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake.

2 A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore.

3 He told many stories in the form of parables...

Matthew 12

**9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue,
10 where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)**

11 And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would.

12 And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one!

14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Matthew 13:

2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

*It's all about
the condition
of our heart.*

Verses for Class:

Luke 8:

9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those that are listening have different hearts.

Hard
Heart

12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

**NEGATIVE
PAST
EXPERIENCE**

CIRCUMSTANCES

**DIFFICULT
CIRCUMSTANCES CAN
MAKE YOUR HEART
SOFT OR HARDENED
TOWARD GOD.**

Broke up the hard places of his heart and enabled God to get through to him.

**STOP AND
CONSCIOUSLY
LET THE WORD
OF GOD BEGIN
TO IMPACT
YOUR LIFE.**

Your
eternity is
at stake.

Shallow
Heart

13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy;

and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

1 John 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Feelings and emotions cannot sustain your spiritual life forever.

YOU HAVE NO SPIRITUAL ROOTS

THEY WERE DESPERATE TO LEARN THE WORD OF GOD.

THEY CAN TAKE AWAY THE PAPER, BUT THEY CANNOT TAKE AWAY WHAT I HAVE ALREADY HIDDEN IN MY HEART.

I WILL NOT PRAY THAT YOU BECOME LIKE US BUT I WILL PRAY THAT WE BECOME LIKE YOU.

Choked out heart

Life's worries

Riches and Pleasures

Receptive, open, fruitful heart

Luke 8:15

15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

You know you are a true follower of Jesus when the anxiety or cares or heartaches or tragedies of the world push you closer to than farther from Jesus.

Luke 5:17–25

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?

23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

Mark 1

33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

Joni Erickson Tada - "It struck me - its not that Jesus didn't care about all those people - it's just that their momentary problems weren't His focus - the gospel was. The good news that says, "Sin kills...hell is real...God is merciful...His kingdom can change you...and I am the Way." And when people missed this - when they started coming to Him just to have their pains and problems removed - the Savior often backed away."

"No wonder I'd felt so lost. I'd been seeking Jesus to get my problems and paralysis fixed. Physical healing had been the big deal to me. But to God - my SOUL was a much bigger deal."

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties;

24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PLANTING
YOURSELF IN THE
GOOD SOIL AND
ALLOWING GOD TO
CHANGE ALL THE
THINGS IN US
THAT NEED
CHANGING.

"A "no" answer to my request for a miraculous physical healing has meant purged sin, a love for the lost, increased compassion, stretched hope, an appetite for grace, an increase of faith, a happy longing for heaven, a desire to serve, a delight in prayer, and a hunger for His Word. Oh, bless the stern schoolmaster that is my wheelchair."

**Giving our life to
Him and asking Him
to change us to be
the best version of
us – His version.**

**You will
cling to Him
more dearly.**