

A person in a blue shirt and dark shorts stands on the crest of a grassy hill, looking out over a vast, open landscape under a clear, light blue sky. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the solitude and scale of the environment.

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A Closer Look at the Parables of Jesus

WEEK 1

- Sept 5** - Salt of the Earth
Matthew 5:13 Mark 9:50
- Sept 6** - Lamp Under a Bowl
Matthew 5:14-16 Mark 4:21-22
Luke 8:16 11:33
- Sept 7** - Wise and Foolish Builders
Matthew 7:24-27 Luke 6:47-49
- Sept 8** - New Cloth on an Old Coat
Matthew 9:16 Mark 2:21 Luke 5:36
- Sept 9** - New Wine in Old Wineskins
Matthew 9:17 Mark 2:22 Luke 5:37-39
- Sept 10** - The Two Debtors
Luke 7:40-43
- Sept 11** - The Sheep and the Goats
Matthew 25:31-46

WEEK 2

- Sept 12** - The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37
- Sept 13** - The Friend at Midnight
Luke 11:5-13
- Sept 14** - Growing Seed
Mark 4:26-29
- Sept 15** - The Talent
Matthew 25: 14-30 Luke 19:11-27
- Sept 16** - The Watchful Servants
Mark 13:35-37 Luke 12:35-40
- Sept 17** - Unfruitful Fig Tree
Luke 13:6-9
- Sept 18** - The Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

WEEK 3

- Sept 19** - The Seed
Matthew 13:31-32 Mark 4:26-32
Luke 13:18-19
- Sept 20** - Yeast
Matthew 13:33 Luke 13:20-21
- Sept 21** - The Concealed Treasure
Matthew 13:44
- Sept 22** - The Pearl
Matthew 13:45-46

Sept 23 - The Casting of the Net into the Sea
Matthew 13:47-50

Sept 24 - Owner of a House
Matthew 13:52

Sept 25 - The Lost Sheep
Matthew 18:12-14 Luke 15:3-7

WEEK 4

Sept 26 - The Unforgiving Servant
Matthew 18:23-35

Sept 27 - Faithful and Wise Servant
Matthew 24:45-51 Luke 12:42-48

Sept 28 - Lowest Seat at the Feast
Luke 14:7-14

Sept 29 - The Great Feast
Luke 14:16-24

Sept 30 - Cost of Discipleship
Luke 14:28-33

Oct 1 - The Lost Coin
Luke 15:8-10

Oct 2 - The Prodigal Son
Luke 15: 11-32

WEEK 5

Oct 3 - Fig Tree
Matthew 24:32-35 Mark 13:28-29
Luke 21:29-31

Oct 4 - The Rich Man and Lazarus
Luke 16:19-31

Oct 5 - Master and His Servant
Luke 17:7-10

Oct 6 - Persistent Widow
Luke 18:1-8

Oct 7 - The Two Sons
Matthew 21 :28-32

Oct 8 - The Vineyard Owner
Matthew 21 :33-46 Mark 12:1-12
Luke 20:9-18

Oct 9 - The Marriage Feast
Matthew 22: 1-14

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER TRANSFORMATION

- Read each day's parable several times
- Imagine Jesus saying this parable directly to you
- Each day, answer all 11 questions for that day's parable

1. What words or images stand out?
2. What seems **clear** about this parable?
3. What seems **unclear** about this parable?
4. Can you imagine yourself as each of the characters or objects in this parable?
Ex. A lost coin or the woman who searches for the coin.
5. What background information might be important to understand this parable?
6. Try to summarize what is Jesus trying to say in this parable?
7. Are there other stories or passages of scripture that relate to this parable?
8. How does the meaning of this parable challenge my thinking, my feelings, and my actions? Be specific.
9. How does it specifically apply to my life?
10. How will the truth of this parable change the way I think and live, beginning today?
11. Is there someone I could talk to about what I have learned from this parable?

FOR SMALL GROUPS

- Read each of the parables for this week.
- Ask the previous 11 questions as a group.
- You may not have time to do them all so choose the one or two that seem most relevant to your group.
- Take time for prayer requests and pray for each other.

FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Use these questions as a family for morning, evening or dinner devotions. Some families will be able to do this every day. Most families may be able to do this a few times a week. Even once a week will be a powerful example and investment in your family. JW Family Ministry will be studying parables with us in JW Kids on weekends and online.

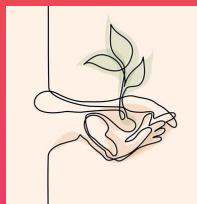
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HELPFUL HINTS

- Use the Jacob's Well Mind Games Podcast as a guide. – jacobswellchurch.church/messages
- For best results write down your answers in a journal or notebook so you can review your progress.
- For a deeper experience, share what you are learning with a friend, family member or join a group
- Other studies on the parables are available on RightNow Media.

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8. The Mind Games Devo is listed there. (Future JW reading plans will be here too!)