

KING OF KINGS MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

KINGDOM COME - JULY 18, 2021

Week 7

Scripture to Read

Matthew 13:1-9

Matthew 13:24-32

1 Corinthians 2:7-14

Opening

It's common for movies, TV shows, and stories to tell a deeper meaning than initially experienced on the surface. What's your favorite example of this?

Example: Slow and steady wins the race (from the fable of the tortoise and the hare)

Diving Deeper

1. Farmers are usually very particular and specific about where they plant seeds, yet this sower scattered seeds everywhere. What's the importance of this detail in Jesus' parable?
2. While the seeds' different destinations (shallow soil, rocky places, good soil, etc.) can represent different people, but they can also be used to describe different seasons in your life. Where are you at in your faith walk right now? Flourishing? Feeling choked by plants?
3. At the end of the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 3:9), Jesus says, "Whoever has ears, let them hear." He said this also in Matthew 11:15. It stands to reason that Jesus would want people to pay attention to all that He says. So why do you think He highlighted these sections as particularly important?
4. In Matthew 13:29, Jesus tells his servants not to pull up the weeds yet. What is the real-life application of this part of the parable?
5. What is your interpretation of the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)?
6. These three parables speak of harvests yet to come. We may not see the impact of the harvest in the time we want, or even in our lifetimes. How can we prepare for this grand harvest?
7. Matthew 13 is the first time we see Jesus use a parable in His teaching, then almost the entire chapter consists of parables (Matthew 13:34). This shift surprised the disciples (Matthew 13: 10). Why do you believe Jesus began implementing parables?
8. Jesus said in 13:11 that the secrets of the kingdom of Heaven have been given to the disciples, but not all the people. Why do you think Jesus would speak in a way that wasn't clear to everyone?
9. How does 1 Corinthians 2:7-14 relate to parables?

Close with Prayer