

# The Rules of Engagement

This is a six week discussion group that deals with the parables of Jesus Christ. We will meet once a week on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. There will be a light meal from 6:00 PM until 6:30 PM. Discussion will last 60-90 minutes. We hope to conclude by 8:00 PM. You can come to any of the individual discussions. The parables for the week will be available in the material on the SMM website and in the church. You are encouraged to read them before each session.

- We will take this exploration of the parables seriously.
- We will support the facilitators by actively taking part in the discussion.
- We will share the discussion with other group members and not dominate it.
- We will encourage and support one another.
- We will enjoy getting to know one another better and sharing our life stories, and will respect the confidences of other group members.
- We will accept that we may from at times have different understandings of the material and will avoid judging one another based on these differences.

So, let us come together in excitement, anticipation, inquiry, and love as we learn from each other and the parables.

**Blessings!**