BENEVOLENT FAITH MINISTRIES

"ABIDING IN THE VINE" - BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS
"THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD"
[CULTIVATING A KINGDOM CULTURE]

Objective: The purpose of this study is to allow Jesus' parables to cultivate a kingdom culture in our lives. In other words, these parables give us information about what life in the kingdom of God is like so that we can embody God's kingdom in all areas of our lives. This study is about more than learning information - it is about forming a Christ-like identity, about engaging our hearts and minds with the teaching of Jesus Christ so we can be the kind of people God wants us to be.

Discussion Question: What is your favorite or most memorable parable of Jesus?
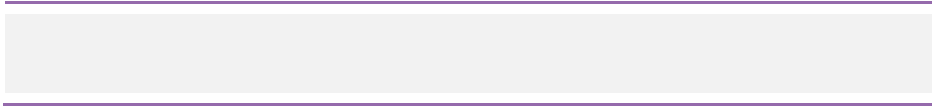
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Discussion Question: Why do you think studying the parables might be important?

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Sower: *A man goes out and sows some seed (Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15)*

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Prodigal Son: *A son leaves home, wastes his possessions and returns home to be with his dad (Luke 15:11–32)*

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Treasure in a Field: *Someone finds a hidden treasure in a field, they sell all they have to buy that field (Matthew 13:44-46)*
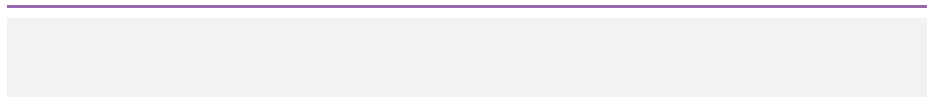
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Discussion Question: What makes the teachings of Jesus' so important? Why are His teachings more important than, say, reading a self-help book or asking the opinion of our friends?

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The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29)

Discussion Question: What are the similarities between the wise and foolish builders?

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Discussion Question: What does Jesus say is the difference between the wise and foolish builders?

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Discussion Question: Why is it important that we take Jesus' teachings seriously?

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PERSONAL APPLICATION

Discussion Question: Why is it important that we become more and more like Jesus?

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Discussion Question: What has it taken in your life to start to see that change take place?

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Discussion Question: What is one thing you can do this week to embrace and embody a teaching of Jesus?

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