

Practical Principles from the Parables

"Decoding the Results of Our Response to His Invitation"

Matthew 13:47-52

Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever found the parables confusing or difficult to understand? If so, then you are not alone. Many people have trouble understanding these teachings but Jesus gives the answer to decode these parables and discover practical principles to live out your faith in modern times. Join us as we begin a new series that will give you new insight into practical principles of faithfulness as we study the parables found in Matthew 13.

Series Theme Passage

Matthew 13:16 (ESV) - But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Main Text

Matthew 13:47-52 (ESV) – ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has

been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Big Idea – Hear the Gospel, Believe the Gospel, Share the Gospel

The ABC's of Proclaiming Parable Truths

Accountability - You Will Give An Account of Your Life from Your Words to Your Actions

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■ **Key Point** – The first step in proclaiming the parable truths is discovered in the theme of "accountability." We are compelled to proclaim parable truths in this life due to the fact that we desire to glorify the Lord. We also understand that we will give an account of every word and action that we carry out in this life.

Bombardment - You Cannot Outrun the Lord...Your Perception Does Not Replace His Reality

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■ **Key Point** – The second step in proclaiming parable truths is discovered in the theme of "bombardment." The truth is that we cannot outrun or hide from the Lord in this life. His reality will always overturn our philosophies. Every knee, even those who doubt in this life, will bow before the Lord and every tongue will confess that He is Lord.

Confront - You Are Called to Confront the World With God's Love and Truth

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■ **Key Point** – The final step in proclaiming parable truths is discovered in the theme of "confronting." You are called as a Christian to confront the world with God's love and truth even when they do not want to hear it!

Memory Verse

Hebrews 4:13 (ESV) – And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, answer this question,

• How can you share God's "ABC's" with others around you this week?