

## **Project 1, The Parables**

### **Group 1:**

1. Discuss The Parable of The Sower (Matthew 13) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Sower
  - b. The Wayside
  - c. The Stoney Ground
  - d. The Thorny Ground
  - e. The Good Land
  
2. Discuss The Parable of The Wheat and The Tares (Matthew 13) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Man
  - b. The Good Seed
  - c. The Enemy
  - d. The Tares
  - e. The Act of Sleeping
  - f. The Servants
  - g. The Harvest
  
3. Discuss The Parable of The Mustard Seed (Matthew 13) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Man
  - b. The Mustard Seed
  - c. The Birds of The Air
  - d. The Inner and Effective Working Power
  
4. Discuss The Parable of The Leaven Seed (Matthew 13) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Woman
  - b. The Leaven
  - c. The Three Measures
  
5. Discuss The Parable of The Dragnet (Matthew 13) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Sea
  - b. The Dragnet
  - c. The Good Fish
  - d. The Bad Fish

6. Mention two parables that represent The Kingdom of Heaven as the most expensive possession, how it is hidden from most people, and what must be done to obtain it. Also, mention a few nations/peoples who do not know about this treasure.
7. What was the main idea, goal, and/or message found in each of The Parables?

Group 2:

1. Discuss The Parable of The King and His Servants (Matthew 18) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The King / The Master
  - b. The Servant in Debt for 10,000 Denarii
  - c. The Servant in Debt for 100 Denarii
2. Discuss The Parable of The Landowners and His Laborers (Matthew 20) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Landowner
  - b. The Laborers
  - c. The Morning-Hour Servants
  - d. The Third-Hour Servants
  - e. The Sixth-Hour Servants
  - f. The Eleventh-Hour Servants
3. Discuss The Parable of The Vineyard and The Vinedressers (Matthew 21) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Landowner
  - b. The Vineyard
  - c. The Vinedressers
  - d. The Servants
  - e. The Son
  - f. The Other Vinedressers
4. Discuss The Parable of The Wedding of The King's Son (Matthew 22) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The King
  - b. The Son
  - c. The Servant
  - d. The Rejection by The Invited Guests
  - e. The Highway
  - f. The Guests Without The Garments

5. Discuss The Parable of The Unjust Steward (Luke 16) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Rich Man
  - b. The Steward
  - c. The Stewardship
  - d. The Act of Digging
  - e. The Act of Begging
  - f. The Actions of The Steward
  - g. The Master's Comment
  
6. Discuss The Parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Rich Man
  - b. Lazarus
  - c. The Death of Each of Them
  - d. The Condition after Death
  - e. The Brothers
  
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Group 3:

1. Discuss The Parable of The Ten Virgins (Matthew 25) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Bridegroom
  - b. The Five Wise Virgins
  - c. The Five Foolish Virgins
  - d. The Act of Sleeping
  - e. The Time of Midnight
  - f. The Wedding
  
2. Discuss The Parable of The Ten Talents (Matthew 25) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The man
  - b. The Talents
  - c. The Trade / Investment of Talents
  - d. The Banquet of The Lord
  - e. Why did everyone receive different talents?
  - f. What was the excuse of the lazy servant and was it accepted?

3. Discuss The Parable of The Growing Seeds (Mark 4) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Seed
  - b. The Ground  
The Growth without Farmer Interference
  - c. The Sickle Harvest
  - d. The Gradual Growth – blade, head, and full grain
  
4. Discuss The Parable of The Lamp (Mark 4) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Lamp
  - b. The Lampstand
  - c. The Light
  
5. Discuss The Parable of The Good Shepherd (John 10) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Good Shepherd
  - b. The Sheep
  - c. The Wolf
  - d. The Hired Worker
  - e. The Other Sheep
  - f. The One Flock
  - g. The Laydown My Life
  - h. The Take My life
  
6. Why did Jesus speak about the Kingdom of Heaven in parables?
  
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Group 4:

1. Discuss The Parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Good Samaritan
  - b. The Traveler
  - c. The City of Jerusalem
  - d. The City of Jericho
  - e. The Thieves
  - f. The Priest
  - g. The Levite
  - h. The Inn
  - i. The Inn Keeper

2. Discuss The Parable of The Rich and Foolish Man (Luke 12) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Rich Man
  - b. The Ground / Field
  - c. The Crops
  - d. The Storage
  - e. The Idea of Eating, Drinking, and Being Merry
  
3. Discuss The Parable of The Rich Man and The Supper (Luke 14) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Rich Man
  - b. The Supper
  - c. The Guests with Excuses – ground, oxen, and wife
  - d. The Servants
  - e. The Highway
  - f. The Great Multitudes
  
4. Discuss The Parable of The Prodigal Son (Luke 15) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Father
  - b. The Older Son
  - c. The Younger Son
  - d. The Father's House
  - e. The Far Country
  - f. The Swine
  - g. The Hired Servants
  - h. The Robe
  - i. The Ring
  - j. The Sandals
  - k. The Fatted Calf
  
5. Provide two other parables in Luke 15 about lost items.
  
6. Discuss The Parable of The Widow and The Unjust Judge (Luke 18) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Widow
  - b. The Judge
  - c. The Justice from God
  - d. The Last Response from God

7. Discuss The Parable of The Pharisee and The Tax Collector (Luke 18) and explain the meaning/symbolism behind the following:
  - a. The Pharisee's Pride
  - b. The Act of Judging Others
  - c. The Genuine Repentance
  - d. The Act of Forgiveness
  - e. The External Righteousness
  
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