

Parables in Tough Situations

In our last lesson we looked at the Parables in Matthew 13 about the kingdom. The kingdom was one of the central threads in the Lord's teaching. There were other occasions when Jesus used parables to teach. Often, Jesus used parables to introduce new concepts, to answer questions and to dive into tough subjects.

1. By doing this, Jesus made people think and challenged what they knew
2. Mt 21:45 "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them."

A Question About Authority: Mt 21:23-32

- Why was Jesus' question so difficult for them to answer?
- Which son represented these Pharisees and chief priests?

Dealing with wrong attitudes: Lk 18:9-14

- What is the difference between self-righteous and contempt?

A New Concept: Lk 16:14,19-31

- What was the O.T. view of life after death?
- Many do not believe this is a parable? Why?
- Is there any reason we might think this is a parable?

What are some take-aways from this parable about prayer?

What are some take-aways from this parable about life after death?

Using "Our" Stories to teach:

1. Blueprints to teach authority
2. Oil change to teach silence of Scriptures
3. Bad experience in restaurant to teach about church autonomy and the need to continue to assemble



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