

THE PARABLES—Section 2, Part 7

Matthew 13:51-53

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1. 13:51 The disciples understood Jesus' parables to the degree they were able to understand at that time.

Review of Section 2

Week 1—Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23)

2. 13:18-23 Four kinds of hearts can be found during the Church age: unresponsive, superficial/shallow, worldly, receptive.
3. Although every human is naturally sinful (Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:15-16), every human is capable of being redeemed (John 6:37; 2 Peter 3:9).

Week 2—Parable of the Seed (Mark 4:26-29)

4. 4:26 The success of the message of the Cross does not depend upon our capacity, though we are responsible to scatter the seed. God is the one who brings power to produce life.

Week 3—Parable of Wheat and Tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

5. In this parable, Jesus explained Satan's strategies during the Church age and ultimately what will happen.
6. The Church age should not be characterized by judgment but by mercy and grace. We are to live the plan of salvation so as to usher sons and daughters into the Kingdom, not drive them away!

Week 4—Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)

7. Jesus emphasized that the smallest things, in His hands, can have enormous impact.
8. The Church continues to grow exponentially and will ultimately culminate in an eternal Kingdom.

Week 5—Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)

9. God does not ask you to pay for your sins; He already did that on the Cross. But if you choose to follow Jesus, it will cost everything in the sense that you become His.
10. The old life is exchanged for the new.

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