

Parables by Theme

A themed guide for seeing how the parables of Christ speak across related subjects.

This guide groups selected parables by common themes. Some parables naturally speak to more than one theme; use the groupings as a study aid, not as a rigid boundary.

Theme	Selected parables for study
Faith and receiving the Word	The Sower; The Mustard Seed; The Leaven; The Wise and Foolish Builders
Mercy and restoration	The Lost Sheep; The Lost Coin; The Prodigal Son; The Good Samaritan
Forgiveness and humility	The Unforgiving Servant; The Pharisee and the Publican; The Two Debtors
Judgment and accountability	The Wheat and the Tares; The Net; The Rich Fool; The Sheep and the Goats
Stewardship and faithfulness	The Talents; The Pounds; The Unjust Steward; The Faithful and Wise Servant
Prayer and persistence	The Friend at Midnight; The Persistent Widow; The Pharisee and the Publican
Watchfulness and readiness	The Ten Virgins; The Watchful Servants; The Fig Tree; The Householder
The Kingdom of God	The Hidden Treasure; The Pearl of Great Price; The Mustard Seed; The Leaven; The Dragnet

Suggested way to use this guide

- Choose one theme and read two or three related parables together.
- Notice what remains consistent across the teachings and what each parable adds.
- Write a short summary in your own words before turning to application.
- Return to the Scripture text often, allowing the teaching itself to lead the study.