



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 21

Why Does Jesus Teach in Parables

Today, we examine the major shift in Jesus's ministry and ask the question:
"Why does Jesus teach in parables?"

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we discussed demons and the unpardonable sin.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

Discussion

Have someone read aloud [Matthew 13:1-15](#).

1. What is your favorite parable, and why is it your favorite parable?
2. What do you think is the main theme of your favorite parable?

Have someone read aloud [Matthew 13:34-25](#) and [Isaiah 6:9-10](#).

3. Why do you think Jesus spoke in parables?
4. How can teaching in parables enhance or hide a point you are trying to convey?
5. How do Jesus's teaching in parables and his command to either tell or not tell others who He is, show a shift in his public ministry?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

1. Has there been a teachable moment or experience in your life that has stuck with you? What was the experience, and what did you learn from it?
2. How does learning from experiences or having to dig for truth impact the way you value and apply what you learn?
3. How has digging deeper into your Bible study through this podcast impacted you?
4. How does having a group of trusted people to wrestle with scripture impact your growth as a Christian?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us as we read scripture, understand it, and apply it to our lives.
2. Pray that the Lord would give us teachable spirits.

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