

Reading the Parables

Part 1

Circle the passage that has been assigned to you:

- Mark 4:1–9 (Parable of the Sower)
- Mark 4:26–29 (Parable of the Seed)
- Matthew 13:24–30 (Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat)
- Matthew 13:44 (Parable of the Buried Treasure)
- Matthew 13:45–46 (Parable of the Pearl of Great Price)
- Luke 10:29–37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

Work with the members of your small group to answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. To whom might this parable have been directed?
2. What analogy does Jesus make in the parable? In other words, what is he comparing?
3. What images or experiences does Jesus draw upon in the parable?
4. What is unusual or unexpected in this parable?
5. What is Jesus trying to communicate about the Kingdom of God through this parable?

Part 2

Wait for your teacher's instructions before continuing. Then answer the following questions with the members of your small group:

1. What images or experiences are drawn upon in the parable acted out?
2. What is unusual or unexpected in this parable?
3. What does this parable teach us or convey about the Kingdom of God?

