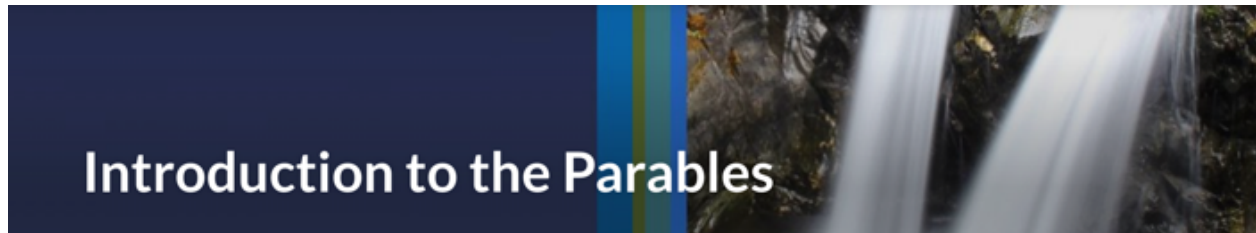


072218 Growth Group Study



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1. Discussion around most recent sermon:

a. Date: 07/22/18

b. Series: Parables

c. Title: “The Extravagant Sower”

d. Text (scripture from today’s sermon):

- Matthew 13: 1-23

d. Preacher: Shawn Reese

f. Scripture Reading:

- Colossians 1:3-6 (NIV):

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.

g. Specific questions from today’s sermon:

1. In the parable, what is represented by:

- The seed
- The sower
- The soils

2. Describe why Jesus is saying there are different yields (“a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown”)?

4. What are the obstacles represented in this parable?

5. How would you say that each soil resides in us in some way (hard, shallow, cluttered, fertile)?

6. What is the primary call of this parable [to you]?

7. In what specific area of your life do you need to “stand under God’s word”?

g. Reference Text/Books:

- Ephesians 1: 7-8
- Mortimer Arias, *Announcing the Reign of God*
- Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Churchbook*
- Darrell Johnson, *The Glory of Preaching*
- Klyne Snodgrass, *Stories with Intent*