

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite dessert?

MAKE IT PLAIN
The Parables of Jesus

“Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today.” -Robert McKee

>>>The best way to reach this world with the love of Jesus is to simply tell the stories about how the Lord is helping us in the trenches of life.

- Nobody likes to be sold to, but everyone loves a great story.
- T_____ – don’t _____!

WHAT MAKES PARABLES SO POWERFUL?

>>>Parables plant _____ thru creative dramatic narratives

>>>Parables surround the jagged _____ with soft edges

>>>Parables help us _____ ourselves without being called out publicly

>>>Parables become _____ that help us examine ourselves

>>>Parables _____ mysteries

Ephesians 3:7-11

⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power.⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:10-15

¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” ¹¹He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹²Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. ¹⁴In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. ¹⁵For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

>>>Parables are for _____ people

- KNOW but don't _____

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