

Study 5: Grace in God's Kingdom

A. Rising hostility

1. a. fasting b. Sabbath c. healed
2. chronological

B. A new move in the Kingdom of God

1. a. Pharisees b. John
2. disciples...not...
3. a. occasions b. crises
4. joy and celebration
 - a. ...bridegroom and his friends preparing for a wedding.
 - b. ...spreading the good news.
5. ... future after the death and resurrection of Jesus.
6. ... tough and they will need to fast.
7. ... Jesus-movement was not just a new patch...
8. New wine needs new wineskins.

C. The new kingdom is a gracious kingdom

1. Jewish Sabbath
2. ... short stroll but Jesus was not accused...
3. ... working on the Sabbath because they were plucking grain...
4. Jewish tradition.
5. David
6. a. ritual b. broken c. hungry d. eat.
7. ... has missed the point of the Old Testament law.
8. beneficial
9. T, T, T
10. Son of man means:
 - a. A mere human being
 - b. The Messiah

11. Lord of the Mosaic law. replace with Himself.

12. After Pentecost:

- a. law
- b. for us
- c. under Himself

D. Grace and compassion

1. Religion is cruel but grace is compassionate.
2. ...healing a man on the Sabbath.
3. ...going forward...
4. ...the Pharisees who cared for their traditions joined with the supporters of King Herod to get rid of Jesus.
5. *Religion* is foolish, blind and even murderous.
6. Jesus is merciful, compassionate and full of grace.

Study 6: A Family of Disciples

A. Training successors

1. movable
2. whole nation.
3. Crowds
4. ...apostles who will extend His ministry.
5. God's Kingdom
6. hills
7. He chooses twelve and gives them a special name, *apostles*, which means a person *specially sent*.

B. Jesus' training programme

1. time
2. ...see the way He works.

3. extend

4. names

C. A new kind of family

1. insane.

2. appreciate

3. The teachers of the law (theological experts) from Jerusalem did not appreciate Him. They said He was demon-possessed.

4. Satan.

5. ...damaging Satan's kingdom and people are turning to righteousness so it must be the Spirit of God at work.

6. ...binding Satan. This is a picture of someone who rescues prisoners from a house by first tying up the owner before setting the prisoners free.

7. Jesus is a strong and powerful person.

8. Satan is the householder. The people are the captives. Jesus used His authority as God's obedient Son to rescue the captives from Satan's domain.

9. The release of the captives can only take place after the *strong man* has been bound.

10. ...already defeated Satan.

11. ...failed. Satan was already bound.

12. Jesus warned the Scribes about committing the unforgivable sin.

13. The unforgivable sin is to reject the way of forgiveness - to deliberately reject the way of salvation offered by Jesus.

14. This sin can only be committed by unbelievers.

15. No Christian can be guilty of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.

16. ...new kind of family in His followers.

17. Being part of Jesus' family comes by doing Jesus' will.

18. T, T, T, F, T

Study 7: Parables of the Kingdom

A. Introduction

1. boat.
2. F, T, T, T, T
3. ...the *Parable of the Sower*.
4. a. great multitude b. God's c. twelve disciples.
5. ...jumps forward to what Jesus said later to His disciples...
6. boat.

B. The parables are about the kingdom

1. powerful activity
2. It is not a place. It is more an action.
3. ...royal rule of God.
4. Those who trust in Jesus *inherit* the kingdom. They experience God's saving sovereignty in their lives.

C. The parables are an invitation to experience the kingdom

1. ...teaching and Jesus is the King.
2. Jesus describes it as a mystery.
3. ...revealed it to you. He says I have given it to you.
4. It remains a secret even when it is given to us, rather like being given a sealed envelope.
5. They still need to discern what it is and experience it, and they do this by listening carefully to the King's voice.

D. The parables reveal the difference between the saved and the lost

1. a. admirers b. blind
2. T, F
3. ...healings which was to draw attention to the Kingdom of God.
4. ...kingdom of healing. It is a kingdom of:
 - a. Receiving God's word
 - b. Righteousness

- c. relationship
- 5. ...forgiveness of sinslake side.
- 6. indirect
- 7. *Sower*
- 8. explanation

E. The parables are a punishment

- 1. F, T, F, T, T
- 2. block.....judgement
- 3. ...illustration.....indirect
- 4. ...difference....hearts
- 5. equally.....mysterious subject

F. The Parable of the Sower explained

- 1. ...the kingdom has varying degrees of effectiveness
- 2. the message (or the word)
- 3. Wording taken from the NIV. Other translations will be slightly different but mean the same thing.

Parable	The ground	The result	Explanation to disciples
v 4	path	eaten by birds	v 15 Satan snatches away the word
v 5-6	rocky ground with little soil	sprang up immediately but was scorched by the sun and withered away	v 16-17 people who hear the word with joy, but when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, they immediately fall away.
v 7	thorns and thistles	thorns and thistles grew up and choked the growth	v 18-19 people who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires of other things enter in and choke the word and it proves unfruitful.
v 8	good soil	produced grain, growing up and increasing thirty-fold, sixty-fold and a hundred-fold	v 20 people who hear the word, accept it and bear fruit thirty-fold, sixty-fold and a hundred-fold.

4. T, T, F, T, F, T, F, T
5. hear, persist and commit to God's word
6. ... hold on.....distract

Study 8: Responding to the Kingdom

A. Review

1. a. responsiveness b. persistence c. a willingness to put God's Kingdom first.
2. The *pathway people* showed no responsiveness (a)
The *rocky ground* people showed no persistence. (b)
The *thorny ground* believers allowed other matters to take priority in their lives. (c)
3. F, T

B. The kingdom is to become manifest eventually

1. lamp.
2. give light.
3. a. under a bushel b. under a bed
4. ... light to the dark world.
5. ...His royal power to the weak world.
6. ...the inadequacy of God but to a hardness in men.
7. ... everyone will see that Jesus is God's King.
8. T, T, T
9. more.
10. The person who does not respond will lose even the little he has.
11. stationary

C. The kingdom will grow despite varied responses

1. grows
2. The sun and soil and the rain do their own work.
3. It is God and not the farmer who puts life into the seed.

4. encouragement
5. ...may resist the Kingdom of God through hardness or deafness, ultimately it cannot fail.

D. The parables reveal the difference between the saved and the lost

1. great.
2. A tiny seed will produce a mighty tree.
3. Jesus explained these things to His disciples.

Study 9: Jesus Lord of all

A. Introduction

1. ...great teacher to His greatness as Lord of the Universe.
2. a. Creation. b. Satan c. Death d. Disease

B. The Lord of Creation

1. A violent storm broke which threatened to sink the boat that they were in.
2. The disciples reacted badly, almost seeming to blame Jesus.
3. helpless.
4. Blaming others...is a bad habit which we should recognise and resist.
5. a. The storm to calm it. b. The disciples for their cowardice and lack of faith.
6. A new grasp of the greatness of Jesus.

C. Jesus the Conqueror of Satan

1. a. He lived in a place associated with death.
b. He had unusual strength.
c. He wandered through the tombs shouting.
d. He cut himself with stones.
e. He was compulsively aware of who Jesus was.
2. The devil and the demons recognise Jesus as the Son of the Most High God.
3. ...permission to enter some nearby pigs...