

KINGDOM QUEST

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



8 PARABLES

1. Parable of the Ten Virgins
2. Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
3. Parable of the Yeast
4. Parable of the Mustard Seed
5. Parable of the Hidden Treasure
6. Parable of the Pearl
7. Parable of the Net
8. Parable of the Weeds



PARABLE

**A parable is an
earth story
with a heaven
meaning.**



A DIFFERENT APPROACH

We are not...

**Going to assign a value to
every item in the parable**

**Looking for some deep
hidden meaning**



A DIFFERENT APPROACH

We are Going To...

Observe the story

Explain the context it was told in

**Understand the symbols that have
obvious meaning**

Identify the kingdom principal

Apply it to our lives



PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS



(Matthew 25:1-13)



EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

The Wedding

Weddings were not the same as today

Marriages were Arranged

**Groom and Bride had never physically
seen each other**

Not a ceremony they were a celebration

Go on for days

**Ended with the joining of
the bride and groom**



EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

The Virgins

Bridesmaids

Friends of the Bride's Family

The had One Job

**There was no precise time that
the groom would arrive**

**Each lady was given a lamp to light the
path in case he arrived at night**



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

Where is God?
He's the Groom

What represents the Kingdom?
The Wedding Celebration

Where are we?
That depends
on who you are



WHERE ARE WE?

People already at the Celebration

**Note these people are awaiting
the groom's arrival**

**However, they are already at
His final point**

I don't think this is us



WHERE ARE WE?

The Virgins or The Bridesmaids

**They too also await the
coming of the groom**

However they are still in the world

They still have a job to do

This group is divided into two groups



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

This parable is part one of three parables that were told together

This one

The parable of the Talents

The parable of the Sheep and Goats



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

**Each of these parables have the same
theme of a pending arrival**

**Each of these parables the arrival
time was uncertain**

The parable of the Sheep and Goats



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

Same problem some people are prepared for th return some are not

In this parable half were ready half were not

In the Talents two were ready one was not

In the sheep in goats we are not given the numbers



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

Each of parable has the same ending

Those that were ready
were allowed to in

Those that were not were cast out
where there was weeping and
nashing of teeth



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

Are YOU prepared for
the kingdom?



**APPLY It
to OUR LIVES**



DO YOU HAVE A LIGHT?

**The question is not do you know
what makes light?**

**It is also not do you know
where to find light?**

**Nor is it can you get there
on somebody else's light?**



DO YOU HAVE A LIGHT?

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12



ARE YOU BUSY SERVING?

**Two servants served the master well
while a third simply hid his resources**

The master called him lazy and wicked

**Are you prepared for the kingdom by
serving God with what
he has given you?**



ARE YOU MINISTERING?

Serving is important

**But if all we are doing is serving ourselves
then that is not kingdom ready**

**In the final step Jesus focuses kingdom
preparedness on outreach**

The poor The outcast The needy

These are all people that need ministry



ARE YOU PREPARED
FOR THE KINGDOM?

