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PODCASTS
Fair Oaks Church Sermons

SUNDAY RECAP

We are currently in our summer series, *Storyteller*, where we are studying one of Jesus' parables each week. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

PARABLE THEME: The Kingdom

REMINDERS/TIPS FOR INTERPRETING THE PARABLES OF JESUS:

1. Read it carefully and thoroughly.
2. Listen: seek to hear it as Jesus' original hearers would have heard it.
3. Keep the parables in the overall context of Jesus' life and teaching.
4. Interpret what is given, not what is left out.
5. Don't impose real time on parable time.
6. Pay attention to the ending.

DISCUSS

Read this week's parable passage(s) and discuss any/all of the following questions:

1. What surprised you about the passage?
2. Is there a character or person you identify with in the parable? Is there anything new jumping out at you in the passage that you've never noticed before?
3. What, if anything, is unsettling to you about the parable? If you could sit face to face with Jesus, what might you ask him about this parable for deeper understanding?
4. What can we learn about Jesus and/or His Kingdom through this teaching?
5. Can you think of any opportunities for transformation that can come from this parable?
6. What are some next steps you can take to put this teaching into practice? Are there ways we can lean into this teaching as a group?

PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)

- **The Chosen Watch Parties:** 6/18-8/6 | Seasons 3 & 4 | Tuesdays, 6-8p | AMC
- **Sunsplash Family Day:** 8/7 | 11a-5p | Golfland Sunsplash | Bring the whole family out for a day of water fun | A parent must be present for any child aged 10 and under | Tickets \$42.75/person
Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- **Distribution Day at FO/OV Food Bank:** 8/9 | 9a-12:30p | Join us to help pack and distribute food
Sign up at fairoaks.church/missions
- **Food Drive:** 9/10&11 | Drop off donations on Saturday, 8/10 between 9a-12p at the front of the church or bring items on Sunday, 8/11 during worship to the table in the Family Life Center

