

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Many times when Jesus spoke He told stories. Stories of how to live, how to love, and how to honor God. Let's unpack these simple stories together to discover how to maximize our lives in God's Kingdom.

Parable: A simple story designed to illustrate how life in God's Kingdom works.

Matthew 13:34-35 (ESV) Luke 14:15-35 (ESV)

Are you a disciple of Jesus?

Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV) Ephesians 3:7-9 (ESV)

The Results of Non-Discipleship with Jesus:

- A life of spiritual apathy.
- A life of spiritual atrophy.
- A life of spiritual anxiety.

The Results of Discipleship with Jesus:

- A life of purpose.
- A life of power.
- A life of unlimited potential.

The Cost of Discipleship: Total Surrender unto Total Fulfillment.

Devotion to Jesus is the place where the human heart is most satisfied.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Luke 14:15-35. According to this passage, are you a disciple of Jesus? Explain.
- 3) Read Matthew 13:44-46 and Ephesians 3:7-9. Do you regularly consider the vastness of the adventure of following Jesus and living in His Kingdom? Will you now? Explain.
- 4) Have you ever experienced the results of non-discipleship with Jesus? What was this like? Are you still there? If not, what changed?
- 5) Have you ever experienced the results of discipleship with Jesus? How did you end up in that place, and what have you done to stay there (abide)?