

Park Hills SBSG Questions

Luke 8:1-21

1. Why did Luke include vss 1-3?
2. What types of soil has defined you at various times in your life? What type defines you now?
3. How many times did you hear the truth before you became “good soil?” What can we learn from this?
4. What are some things you have accomplished and thought you were done, “had arrived?” How does this relate to our passage?
5. Consider Jn 14:21, Acts 4:1-13. What do we see here that is worthy of emulating?

Leaders Addendum: Interpreting parables requires that we understand them as a specific type of literature. Here are a few principles when dealing with parables:

1. Greek word = “to throw or cast beside” therefore a comparison
2. Parables require a complete understand of historical background
3. Every parable has **ONE (1)** main point!!!
4. Don’t try to make it say more than it does
5. Basic function of a parable was to reveal & conceal (Mt 13:10-16 – cited from Isaiah 6:9,10, section of judgement) those whose hearts were open and soft would “hear” those with closed hearts would continue to be “deaf & blind” God sovereignly determines between the two
6. Remember, parables are among some of the most difficult portions of God’s word to accurately interpret.

Questions to guide your study of parables:

1. Seek to understand the “earthly details” as well as the original hearers did.
2. What was the reason which prompted the parable? Check parallel passages if any.
3. Is there an interpretation given? If so, summarize.
4. What is the **ONE(1)** main point? Define it! Defend it!
5. Explain the key elements of the parable in light of the main point> DO NOT press every detail!
6. Apply, how does this relate to present-day readers? to me?