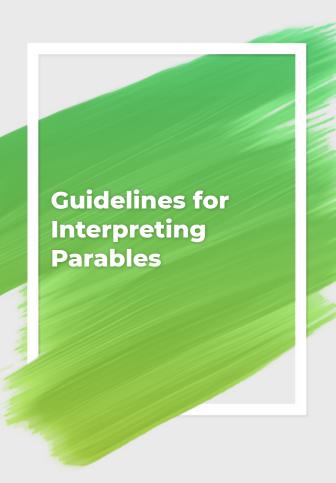
HOW TO READ ______ THE BIBLE

UNDERSTANDING GENRE

LESSON 8 INTERPRETING PARABLES



- Most teach us about the Kingdom
 - The graciousness of God
 - The demands of discipleship
 - The dangers of disobedience



- A. Find the main point
- B. Recognize stock imagery
- C. Note striking or unexpected details
- D. Don't press EVERY detail for meaning
- E. Pay attention to literary and historical context

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- 40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible by Robert L. Plummer
- ESV Study Bible



Where to Start

Read Luke 15, keeping a close watch for editorial comments and narrative flow. Why is Jesus telling these parables? Who are the main characters? What does the dialogue tell us? How would you summarize the main point of the text?



 Reading the Gospels Wisely by Jonathan Pennington

