



February 8 – Jesus’ New Manifesto – Stories with Meaning

We all love a good story! We grow up on fairytales and adventure stories, picture books and chapter books. Our lives are told in the form of stories one to another. Jesus knew the power of a good story as well and was a master “story with meaning” teller. Join us this weekend as we look at what Jesus has for us in some of the stories he told!

REVIEW:

- Jesus talks about the _____ more than love
- _____ bring the Kingdom alive in this world
- Sermon on the Mount ends with what “rule”?

- When we live this way we _____ holes in the _____
- Living as the Kingdom is NOT _____

Jesus’ Parables

- Stories aim at:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Parable #1 Mark 4:30-33 _____

Tells us this about the Kingdom:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Parable #2 Matthew 25:31-40 _____

Lesson to be learned:

- Our _____ & _____ for those who struggle matters to God

Parable #3 Luke 15:11-32 _____

- To repent means to _____
- Parable really should be called Prodigal _____
- What might have been the different response to Jesus' story?
 - Church leaders _____
 - "Sinners" _____
- Older Son's reaction sees Father's actions as _____
- Father's response to older son _____
- No one story tells the _____ story or _____ encapsulates the whole of God and God's Kingdom
- Jesus shows us a beautiful picture of God:
 - One who holds _____ of Sermon on Mount
 - One who shows _____ grace, love and mercy
- Parables are stories meant to _____ and _____ us to be more and more like Jesus.