Parables

Lesson #12
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What is a Parable?

**Parable** “a placing beside”

A parable is a narrative or saying of varying length, designed to illustrate a truth especially through comparison or simile.

It uses familiar situations, persons, or events to illustrate an unfamiliar or unrecognized truth.

Any passage that meets the details of this definition is a parable.
The Purpose of Parables

- Interesting and compelling means of communicating truth
- Those in the kingdom will understand truth
- Those outside the kingdom will not understand truth
How to Interpret a Parable

- A Parable teaches one, and only one point?
- Don’t allegorize all the details
- Emphasize the end of the parable
- All metaphors/illustrations/parables have limitations


The Growth of God’s Kingdom

- Starts small → ends large
- Imperceptible?
- Irrepressible?
- Global?