



Date: October 12, 2025
Speaker: Pastor Brandon Turk
Title: The Parables
Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

1. Are Stories That Read Us
2. Harden The Hearts of the Proud
3. Lead The Humble to Life

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 12:10-13, Matthew 21:45-46, Luke 15:1-2, John 20:31, Hebrews 4:12,
Matthew 12:14-15a, Isaiah 6:9-10, Romans 1:18-23, 28, Psalm 115:2-8, Matthew
12:15b-17, Acts 16:13-15, James 1:22-25, Romans 10:9-11

Discussion Guide: (for use individually, as a family, or in a group)

Begin with prayer and read Matthew 13:10-17. Discuss any insights or observations you had from this week's message or from the scripture passages shared. Did anything stand out to you?

- **Read Matthew 21:45-46.** How can we tell that Jesus' parables are stories that actually read us? What are the responses to what Jesus says and the stories He tells? How have you experienced this as you have heard or listened to the Bible being taught?
- **Read Psalm 115:2-8.** What do people who resist or reject God turn to instead? How are these objects of worship formed? Although idols may have ears or eyes or hands, do they do any good? Why does the passage say those who create and worship idols will be just like them?
- **Read Acts 16:13-15.** What qualities did Lydia show that made her ready to understand her need for the Lord and to receive His grace? How can we grow in those qualities? How do you see this lived out among you?

Discuss any further insights together and close in prayer.