

Small Group Questions | February 18th, 2018

Kingdom Stories – The Sower ([Matthew 13:1-10, 18-23](#))

Sermon Recap: Travis introduced the “Kingdom Stories” series by explaining that Jesus used parables to *creatively grab our attention and imagination*. Through them we hear Jesus’ call to consider the kingdom in all its **extravagance**, its great **reversal**, and its **disruptive call to action**. Travis added that parables ask us to consider the **delay** of the coming kingdom also, as we live in the *here and now/there and then* kingdom. Travis ended his sermon by asking us to consider the Kingdom through the parable of the sower as seen through these lenses.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. Think of a great communicator from your personal experience. How did they get your attention?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. What is Jesus communicating about parables by quoting Isaiah in Matt 13:14-15?
3. How does the sower demonstrate the extravagance of the call to consider the Kingdom?
4. How does Jesus call for reversal in the parable of the sower?
5. Where is the disruptive call to action seen in the sower parable?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. Are you keeping your faith personal? Are you an extravagant sower? Why or why not?
7. Has Jesus reversed your value system?
8. How have you fallen burden to the cares of this world?
9. How do I need to till my soil?
10. What is delaying you from your call to action to share your faith? The cares of this world, money, fears and doubts, lack of discipline, or something else?

Prayer/Verse:

“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

– Matt 13:23