



# PARABLES

## SERIES READING GUIDE



A parable (pronounced PAIR-uh-bul) is a short, fictitious story that illustrates a moral or religious principle. Rabbis in Jesus' day would use parables to hold an audience's attention while explaining important points of teaching.

Parables were a hallmark of Jesus' ministry. In fact, a full 35% of his words in scripture take the form of parables. Jesus said they were designed to both reveal and conceal his message about the arrival of God's kingdom on earth.

This reading plan will give you an opportunity to read through all of Jesus' parables found in the Gospel of Matthew. Some will yield their meaning immediately. Others may cause you to scratch your head because they require knowledge of 1st-century Palestinian farming practices. If you're left perplexed by one, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tom at [pastor@hillside-medford.org](mailto:pastor@hillside-medford.org) or Rev. Wendy at [wendy@sanctuaryucc.org](mailto:wendy@sanctuaryucc.org).

For a quick intro to reading the parables, you can check out a great, 5-minute video on the topic by the Bible Project at [hside.co/parables](https://hside.co/parables).

Date	Verses	Date	Verses	Date	Verses
<b>SUN, OCT 18</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<b>FRI, OCT 30</b>	Matthew 13:44	<b>WED, NOV 11</b>	Matthew 21:33-41
<b>MON, OCT 19</b>	Matthew 5:14-15	<b>SAT, OCT 31</b>	Psalms 115	<b>THU, NOV 12</b>	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>TUE, OCT 20</b>	Matthew 7:24-27	<b>SUN, NOV 1</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<b>FRI, NOV 13</b>	Matthew 24:32-35
<b>WED, OCT 21</b>	Matthew 9:16	<b>MON, NOV 2</b>	Matthew 13:45-46	<b>SAT, NOV 14</b>	Psalms 22
<b>THU, OCT 22</b>	Matthew 9:17	<b>TUE, NOV 3</b>	Matthew 13:47-50	<b>SUN, NOV 15</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
<b>FRI, OCT 23</b>	Matthew 12:29	<b>WED, NOV 4</b>	Matthew 13:52	<b>MON, NOV 16</b>	Matthew 24:42-51
<b>SAT, OCT 24</b>	Psalms 1	<b>THU, NOV 5</b>	Matthew 18:23-35	<b>TUE, NOV 17</b>	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>SUN, OCT 25</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<b>FRI, NOV 6</b>	Matthew 19:10-14	<b>WED, NOV 18</b>	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>MON, OCT 26</b>	Matthew 13:3-9	<b>SAT, NOV 7</b>	Psalms 51	<b>THU, NOV 19</b>	Matthew 25:31-46
<b>TUE, OCT 27</b>	Matthew 13:24-30	<b>SUN, NOV 8</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<b>FRI, NOV 20</b>	Psalms 116
<b>WED, OCT 28</b>	Matthew 13:31-32	<b>MON, NOV 9</b>	Matthew 20:1-16	<b>SAT, NOV 21</b>	Psalms 137
<b>THU, OCT 29</b>	Matthew 13:33	<b>TUE, NOV 10</b>	Matthew 21:28-32	<b>SUN, NOV 22</b>	<i>Sunday Worship</i>