

English I Summer Reading

The Parables of Jesus

In English I, we start the year talking about parables and begin reading a parable together. To prepare you for the course, you are going to spend the summer reading through the parables of Jesus.

STEP ONE

Read all of the parables of Jesus. Check off each parable as you read it. A list is provided on the back of this page.

Note: You do not have to read the parable in each gospel in which it appears, but it may be helpful to read more than one version of the parable to help you better understand its context and meaning.

STEP TWO

Write a paragraph about which parable was your favorite and why.

STEP THREE

Choose two parables to analyze more in-depth. Analyze them using the following steps.

- A. Read the parable **three** times.
- B. Note the context of the parable. To whom is Jesus telling the parable? What is the setting? Did some event or question prompt Jesus to tell this parable?
Write down your answers to the questions.
- C. Find the main point. What is the lesson to be learned for Jesus' audience?
Write down the main point.
- D. Consider how the parable can strengthen your faith and knowledge of God.
Write a paragraph in response to this idea. Consider the following questions in your response:
 - a. Do you see similarities between the events or characters described in the parable and today's society or your own life?
 - b. What does the parable teach you about God?
 - c. What does it motivate you to do?

You may handwrite or type your responses and bring them on the first day of school.

You may also choose to submit your responses online through Google Classroom.

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