

TEACHING GUIDE

JULY 5, 2020
SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES
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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:1-20

SYNOPSIS

Today is the 4th week in our series about parables. Jesus gave about 35 or 38 parables, depending on how you count them. These stories illustrated what the Kingdom of God is like and how we can live to bring it here, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU MONITOR AND MODIFY YOUR BEHAVIOR?

Everything we do erupts or flows from something inside us.

WHICH INTERNAL INTENTION DO YOU NEED TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TOO?

Guilt says, "I owe you" and is undone by confession.

Anger says, "You owe me" and is undone by forgiveness.

Greed says, "I owe me" and is undone by giving.

Jealousy says, "Life owes me" and is undone by celebrating.

Download the Weekly Reading Plan + Discussion Guide for more!



WEEKLY READING PLAN

Week of July 5, 2020

1

Matthew 15:1-20

2

1 John 1:9

3

James 1:20

4

Proverbs 1:19

5

James 3:16

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WARM UP

What was one thing you struggled to learn as you were growing up?

READ

Matthew 15:1-20

ASK

- What stuck out to you from the story we just read?
What point do you think Jesus was trying to get across?
- This parable shows us that our behavior mirrors our hearts.
How have you seen this play out in your life, or in the life of others?
- Describe how you have seen each of the 4 intentions that need attention cause problems in your life or the lives of those around you?
- What were the monitors -or the things that keep in check- the intentions that need attention?
- Which one do you think you need to work on the most in your life right now?
- Do you have anyone you could ask to help you?

RESPOND

- How can you 'behave away' from the things that pollute your heart this week?

PRAY

EXPANDED QUESTIONS

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ASK

- The Pharisees changed a rule, meant only to apply to them, and applied it to everyone. Are there any ways we do that as Christians today?
- How have you seen confession uproot guilt in your life or in the life of others?
- How have you seen forgiveness uproot anger in your life or in the life of others?
- How have you seen giving uproot greed in your life or in the life of others?
- How have you seen celebration uproot jealousy in your life or in the life of others?
- What are some ways you can monitor and modify the 4 internal intentions that need attention before they cause problems in your life?

FAMILY GUIDE

Try these things when talking to kids about parables

- (1) Memorize Proverbs 4:23
- (2) Encourage their imagination
- (3) Make the stories relatable, adjust the pieces as needed
- (4) Encourage the good more than highlighting the wrong
- (5) Don't feel like you need to have all the answers

TALK

- What is something you have had to work hard at in order to be good at?
- Have you ever gotten so overcome with emotions you just did something you normally wouldn't do?
- **Read:** Matthew 15:1-20
- What do you think Jesus wants to teach us in this story?
- What do you struggle the most with guilt, anger, greed, or jealousy?
- How can you make sure that doesn't explode or erupt out of your life?

JENGA

1. Get paper and coloring supplies
2. Have everyone draw a flower with a large circle center and as many pedals as there are people in the family. You could also do friends at school, neighbors, act. if you have a small family)
3. Label each pedal with the name of someone and fill it with unique things that describe them
4. In the center, write things you have in common with everyone

PLAY

Exploding Crafts

If you don't have the supplies for these activities at home, no worries, just do it later in the week to reinforce the lessons. And of course, wear safety goggles and do these outside. Also, it might be helpful to look at an example on YouTube first.

Mentos and Diet Coke

Rubber Bands Around a Watermelon

CREATE

ASK:

How did you feel putting the mentos in the coke or rubber bands around the watermelon?

Are there ever little things that bother you and make you want to explode? What are they? How can you keep from exploding?