

## Kingdom of Heaven week 2

Matthew 13:11-12, 16 (NLT) [Jesus] replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them... But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

### Who is the Greatest? Matthew 18:1-10

Asking this question shows that the disciples still had \_\_\_\_\_ about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Acts 1:6-8 (NLT) So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus speaks of a kingdom that is still \_\_\_\_\_.

John 18:36 (NLT) Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

To turn from our sins is the enter into a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT) In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

If we are tempted to put ourselves above bringing others into the Kingdom, the consequences are \_\_\_\_\_.

### Parable of the Lost Sheep: Matthew 18:12-14

The parable is about wandering sheep and a \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd.

1 Peter 2:25 (NLT) Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

### Lessons from this Parable

Jesus compares a \_\_\_\_\_ in faith with a small child and a lost sheep.

No one is unimportant to God. Every person \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

John 10:14-16 (NLT) “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

Humility is a \_\_\_\_\_ lived out in everyday life.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Final Thought: Paul challenges us to live a life-changing attitude. “You must have the same attitude that \_\_\_\_\_.”