

c. It will _____ a fundamental spiritual _____

d. It will _____ a _____ for _____

but a _____ into _____

e. A proper _____ will _____ you

with the _____ of _____

8. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

Response – Making it Practical

1. Was this study encouraging in helping you understand your own story in light of God's truth?
2. What is one small act you can perform this week that would promote the Kingdom of God in your personal story?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Matthew 13:33-35 - September 18, 2016

Welcome to the opening message in our new series, *The Story of My Life*. We all know the power of story to touch us deeply. They have been used for centuries to communicate the common struggles and victories we all share and to bond us together as one.

Jesus was a master storyteller there is no doubt, but his stories were shaped in the form of parables. Stories that brought out both the human predicament alongside truth about God's character and nature.

And like every great story, we find ourselves immersed in the drama.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

1. Why do stories have such power over us?

2. What is the difference between a simple story and a parable?

Read Matthew 13:33

3. Jesus begins this short parable with *The Kingdom of Heaven is like...* What should this statement evoke in us whenever we hear it?

4. How is the parable of the yeast in Matthew 13:33 related to Village Green's Mission Statement?

5. How should this parable personally encourage and motivate us as believers in Christ (see also 1 Cor. 15:58).

Read Matthew 13:34-35

6. Read Psalm 78:1-8. This passage serves as the background of Jesus' quote in Matthew 13:34-35. What are the key lessons being taught here?

7. What are the five characteristics of a parable?
 - a. We are _____ into the _____

 - b. The _____ will produce _____
and _____ a _____