

Survey for Parable Study

Intent of this survey: The goal is to get an understanding of how you personally relate to the subjects, habits, thoughts, attitudes, etc below. Please keep in mind there is NO right or wrong answer but rather is a reflection of your thoughts and position. This survey will remain anonymous, hoping you will be as honest as possible. However, in order to match your answers in this pre-test, to your answers on the post-test in July, we will need to identify you by a number.

Please create a PIN that you will be able to remember and write here: _____

Section One

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the answer that best reflects you.

1. Your age group:

30 and under 31-50 51-70 71 and up

2. Your highest level of education:

High School Some College College Graduate Post Graduate

3. Marital status:

Married Single Widowed

4. Gender:

Male Female

5. Number of years attending a Bible teaching church:

1 -5 years 6-10 years 10+ years

6. Number of years attending Newtown Bible Church:

1 -5 years 6-10 years 10+ years

7. Have you ever attended a Bible College or a Seminary?

Yes No

8. How often do you read your Bible?

Seldom Occasionally Regularly

9. How would you evaluate your understanding of the New Testament Scripture?

Limited Moderate Extensive

10. How would you evaluate your understanding of the Parables?

Limited Moderate Extensive

11. What is your understanding of the literal, grammatical-historical approach to studying Scripture?

Limited Moderate Extensive

12. What is your understanding of the Kingdom of God?

Limited Moderate Extensive

Section Two

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read each question thoroughly and write the number that most truly reflects your way of thinking or your approach to the subject matter.

1=Completely Agree, 2=Mostly Agree, 3=Slightly Agree, 4=Slightly Disagree, 5=Mostly Disagree, 6=Completely Disagree

13. ____ I believe the best way to understand parables is to spiritualize.

14. ____ I believe every detail of parabolic stories have a spiritual point to convey.

15. ____ You should never interpret figurative language in a literal way.

16. ____ God gives factual data just to increase our knowledge.

17. ____ I make intentional preparation for worship.

18. ____ I can understand why Jesus used parables in His teaching ministry.

19. ____ I take notes during the sermon.
20. ____ I believe every passage has significance to present, daily life.
21. ____ I discuss the sermon afterwards.
22. ____ I understand where Matthew 13 fits in the ongoing development of the Gospel of Matthew.
23. ____ The Kingdom is just a reference to Heaven.
24. ____ The Kingdom includes more than the Church.
25. ____ Application of Scripture can only be rendered when there is a command to be obeyed.
26. ____ A profession of faith is sufficient to grant entrance into Heaven.
27. ____ It is possible to comprehend the meaning of a parable without knowing its historical setting.
28. ____ An unbeliever can understand and obey the teaching of a parable.
29. ____ It is essential to follow a biblical author's flow of thought in order to unpack the meaning of Scripture.

Thank you so very much for your participation in this survey. Please commit to attending the next three months as we grow together in our understanding of and obedience to Scripture.

If it is absolutely essential for you to miss a message, due to ministry restraints, please obtain a cd of the message.