

### **Bible Study questions 26 7 20**

1. Why were parables a useful teaching device for Jesus?
2. Our gospel reading was Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52. Share some thoughts about the core values Jesus was wanting to teach through these stories.
3. Jesus drew from everyday life to make his kingdom points. What aspects of everyday life today might give material for parables?
4. The sermon did not address Matthew 13:52. Suggest what this verse might have been getting at?
5. David was teaching that because, for the moment, church life has had to change so much, this gives us an opportunity to realise that the Kingdom of God is not primarily concerned with preserving old styles of worship. What do you value more about church - or what do you see more clearly - now that it has had to have a completely different incarnation?
6. Where is the dough rising? Where is the mustard seed growing? Where is treasure being uncovered? Where are pearls being bought?