

New Wineskins

N-Path Training

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N-Path Training

This set of Gospel stories are chosen to help people understand Kingdom Culture, and how very different it is to much of our inherited church culture.

N1 Relationship Hierarchies

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Motto: Love one another – Go and make disciples

Matthew 18:1-5 Who is the greatest?

Matthew 18:1-5 The disciples asked Jesus, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him and said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

What good news is in this story?

Luke 8:19-21 Your mother and brothers want to see you

Luke 8:19-21 Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

Who does Jesus give priority to in these stories?

How is this different from normal human behaviour?

What other people do we normally assume should have priority?

Will you go through these stories in your GG?

N2 Self-Replicating Ministry

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Luke 13:18-21 Mustard Seed and Yeast

Luke 13:18-19 Jesus said “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

Luke 13:20-21 Jesus said “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

Jesus describes two different ways in which the Kingdom grows.
What are the similarities?

What are the differences?

How quickly do each start to bear fruit?

How quickly do each start to multiply?

Which of the two is more like a church meeting in its own building?

What might a yeast-like ministry look like?

What kind of ministry is God calling you to?

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N3 Fruitless Churches

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Luke 13:6-9 The Figtree in the Vineyard

Note: a fig tree is a very large tree, with big leaves that block out the sun. A vine is a low-growing plant that is cut back every year.

Luke 13:6-9 Jesus said "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

What good news is in this story?

John 15:5,1-2 I am the vine, you are the branches

John 15:5,1-2 Jesus said "I am the vine, you are the branches and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes a so that it will be even more fruitful."

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

Where was the fig tree growing?

Why was the owner not happy?

Why couldn't the tree be left standing?

Why do you think the owner had allowed the fig tree to grow in the first place?

What does the vineyard symbolise?

What do you think the fig tree might symbolise? (Traditional-style church?)

What areas of your ministry are not bearing much disciple-making fruit?

Will you stop putting time and resources into fruitless ministries?

Will you clear space for multiplying disciples ministry?

What exactly are you going to do?

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N4 Obedience-Based Discipleship

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Luke 6:46-49 Wise and Foolish Builders

Luke 6:46-49 Jesus said "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the sand. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

What good news is in this story?

Matthew 7:19-21 Fruitful Trees

Matthew 7:19-21 Jesus said "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

How does Jesus measure discipleship and maturity?

What is the effect of teaching more knowledge about God if there is no obedience?

What changes do you need to make to your ministry to obey this story?

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N5 Faithful To Our Calling

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John 7:18 Whoever speaks on their own

John 7:18 Jesus said “Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.”

What good news is in this story?

John 6:60,66 This is a hard teaching

John 6:60,66 Many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

What good news is in this story?

John 15:16 I chose you and appointed you

John 15:16 Jesus said "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

What makes you feel fulfilled and happy?

How do you judge success in your ministry?

What things Jesus says to you do you find hard to accept?

What things do your apprentices find hard to accept?

Will you keep praying for your apprentices to become faithful multiplying disciples?

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N6 Breaking Bread

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Luke 22:10-20 The Lord's Supper

Jesus said, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

What good news is in this story?

Acts 2:42-47 They broke bread in their homes

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

What good news is in this story?

Conclusion

Notice that they broke-bread as joyful meals in their homes, where many unbelievers got saved. So unbelievers must have been part of these meals.

What are all the differences you can see between breaking-bread in these stories compared with how you see it done in church services?

What difference do you think it could make to breaking-bread in a house instead of in church?

What difference do you think it could make to breaking-bread as a meal instead of a church service?

What difference do you think it could make to breaking-bread eating a full meal instead of just tiny nibbles?

Do you remember the story of Levi's Dinner Party? Could you use a breaking-bread meal to introduce Jesus to unbelievers?

Will you go through these stories in your GG?

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Children

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Simple Church

The Kingdom of God

The Gospel of the Kingdom

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Feeding 5000

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as the father sent me, so I send you

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Why Bother?

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Challenges

Persecution

Suffering

Being despised

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Divided families

Rewards

God's approval

Well Done...

Eternal rewards

Welcome into heaven

Blessings in this life

Blessings for others

A life worth living

A life worth multiplying