

Discipleship Lesson - 2

Discipling Through Metaphor Romania Slides

Memory Verse

Matthew 13:34–35 (NKJV) *All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”*

Old Testament Examples

The Lord The Shepherd of His People

Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV) ¹ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.* ² *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.* ³ *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.* ⁴ *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* ⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.* ⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

Nathan’s Parable and David’s Confession

2 Samuel 12:1–7 (NKJV) *Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! ...*

Symbol of the Wine Bottles

Jeremiah 13:12–14 (NKJV) ¹² *“Therefore you shall speak to them this word: ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel: “Every bottle shall be filled with wine.” ’ ‘And they will say to you, ‘Do we not certainly know that every bottle will be filled with wine?’ ’ ¹³ *“Then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land—even the kings who sit on David’s throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness! ¹⁴ And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together,” says the Lord. “I will not pity nor spare nor have mercy, but will destroy them.” ’ ’ ’**

Revelation 14:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ *And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of **the wine of the wrath** of her fornication.” ⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of **the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

***Revelation 16:19** (NKJV) *Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the **wine of the fierceness of His wrath**.*

***Romans 9:22** (NKJV) *What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,*

Architectural Wisdom Parable of the Two Builders

Matthew 7:24–27 (NKJV) ²⁴ *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

Christ is the Disciples’ Cornerstone

***Psalm 11:3** (NKJV) ³ *If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?*

Job 38:6 (NKJV) *To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,*

***Psalm 118:22–23** (NKJV) ²² *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.*

Ephesians 2:19–22 (NKJV) *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

John 2:19–21 (NKJV) ¹⁹ *Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body.*

Agricultural Analogies

Sowing Seed - Jesus comes with a scythe in His hand.

Isaiah 28:24–27 (NKJV) *Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow? Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods? ²⁵ When he has leveled its surface, Does he not sow the black cummin And scatter the cummin, Plant the **wheat** in rows, The **barley** in the appointed place, And the **spelt** in its place? ²⁶ For He instructs him in right judgment, His God teaches him. ²⁷ For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge, Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin; But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick, And the cummin with a rod. Bread flour must be ground; Therefore he does not thresh it forever, Break it with his cartwheel, Or crush it with his horsemen.*

Matthew 13:3 (NKJV) *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. ...*

***Revelation 14:14** (NKJV) *Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.*

The Revolutionary's War Parable of the Two Sons

Parable of the Vineyard Owner

Luke 20:9 (NKJV) *Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time.*

Matthew 21:28–31 (NKJV) *“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ ²⁹ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. ³⁰ Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.*

Luke 14:16–24 (NKJV) *Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ ²⁰ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ ²² And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ ²³ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”*

Christ's Creative Legacy

When Jesus was talking to farmers he used farming analogies by the sea he used fishing metaphors. “I will make you fishers of men”

1 Corinthians 10:1–5 (NKJV) *Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.*

James 3:4–5 (NKJV) ⁴ *Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.*