



CANYON BIBLE CHURCH

A Study through the Gospel of Mark

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Mark 4:10-12

The Reason for Parables

Narrow definition of parable: Stories about every day _____ that teach a spiritual truth that is not immediately _____.

Jesus spoke in parables to:

1. _____ truth: The disciples understood them by God's grace, vs 11.
2. _____ truth: The others did not understand by God's justice, vs 12.

3 Points to remember about understanding parables:

1. Remember why parables were told: both to _____ and _____ truth.
2. Remember the _____ of parables: questions asked, issues raised, explanations, and culture.
3. Remember the single _____ principle of parables. Parables teach one lesson.

Application: Pray that God will open us and keep us open to His _____ as He works.