

## Week 10 Chapter 8 Jesus' Message and Mission

Materials needed:	Copies of handout 18 "Jesus' Message and Mission" Bibles at each table.
Preparation work:	Review the summary points for the presentation in step 4 of this session and relevant material on pages 64-73 The Faith Handbook.
	<b>ON THE BOARD BEFORE CLASS BUT COVERED!</b> Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is wherever people are trying to live out God's call to love and forgiveness in a way that goes beyond the "minimum requirements". Anyone can be in the Kingdom, and sometimes the people you least expect are already part of it. You don't have to be perfect to be in the Kingdom, but you do have to be willing to let the Holy Spirit help you grow more perfect in your love and forgiveness.
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Attendance</b>
9:15 - 10:00	Ask for (and note) examples of the students favorite stories from their childhood, particularly those that taught them a lesson.
Session:	Explain that Jesus' manner of teaching was in parables and sayings was pointed to the time and the audience.
	Have the students share some of the stories and teachings they remember from RE in the past.
	Pay attention to the sayings of Jesus not old Testament i.e. eye for and eye
	Put a timeline on the board of the events in Jesus' life: <b>Have a little fun with this.</b> Ask the students to fill in the blanks and see what they can tell you to make the story clearer.
	Birth -> Baptism -> 40 days in the desert -> Rejected Satan's offer -> Returned ready to start his Mission -> Proclaimed his Mission but each Gospel is a little different -> Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5 -7 best summaries Jesus' teachings: In the Kingdom of God, people will grow to reflect God's perfect love -> Jesus' Passion and Death.
	Q: Who can be this perfect?
	Explain that this is where the parables come in. Parables are stories Jesus told that often had a surprising twist, to shock the people who were hearing them into a way of seeing things.
	Example: Jewish leaders taught that people that broke God's laws were not part of his Kingdom. Jesus taught (Luke 15:11-32) that any sinner who repents is welcome in the Kingdom of God!
	Point out the strife this put on the system.
	A: Share and ask for the meaning of the following: Each table read and respond.
	Luke 16:19-31 The rich that ignore the needs of the poor will not be in the Kingdom.
	Luke 10:30-37 (Good Samaritan) Even those who aren't Jews can be members of the Kingdom.
	Matt 18:23-35 (The unforgiving servant) Can not be a part of the Kingdom if we don't forgive ourselves!
	A: Explain that if one wants to really understand what Jesus was bringing to earth then review the Sermon on the Mount Matt 5-7
	Q: How else did Jesus make the Kingdom of God real to the people?
	Example: Forgiveness of sins, miracles, instuted Discipleship.
	Disciples - Students or followers
	Q: What do you know about the Disciples?
	Q: What does this diversity teach us? That the relationship isn't just your relationship but one of many.

	Q: What gives us the strength and guidance to carry on Jesus' mission after 2000 years and beyond? A: The Holy Spirit
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	
<b>Conclusions:</b>	Q: What did you learn today? Tell us something that you knew and something you learned.
<b>If time permits:</b>	Have each table pick and report out on a verse from page 105 in the manual.
<b>Key words:</b>	Kingdom of God miracles parables disciples Apostles