



Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller

Sunday, February 4, 2018

**Lesson: The Leaven**  
**Matthew 13:33**

While not a “series” in the technical sense since we’ll discuss this off and on throughout the year, today we start “Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller” which is a study of the parables of Jesus. Our study continues with the parable known as “The Leaven.”

**ICEBREAKER:**

What restaurant serves the best bread?

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Read Matthew 13:33
2. Which seems to be easier:
  - a. Spread something good where there is a lot of bad
  - b. OR spread something bad where there is a lot of good
  - c. Why?
3. Yeast/Leaven is often referred to as evil or negative in Scripture. What can we learn from that? (See Mt 16:6, 11;

Mark 8:15; I Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:7-9)

4. Can the Word of God transform lives without us as Christians?
5. What was the purpose of the yeast in this specific parable?
6. Yeast serves at least 4 purposes in bread. How do each of these correlate with the Gospel?
  - a. Makes the bread soft
  - b. Makes the bread porous, moist, and less dry
  - c. Makes the bread satisfying
  - d. Makes the bread nourishing
7. Be specific: How do we as Christians mix into the world and transform?
  - a. Give some specific ideas
  - b. Come up with new ideas/ways to share the Gospel that don’t even involve teaching