



Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Lesson: The Net
Matthew 13:47-50

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 Net.”

ICEBREAKER:

What’s your big fishing story? Tell us about the biggest fish you’ve caught or the one that got away.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read Matthew 13:47-50
2. Why can people who are not Christians be attracted to the church?
3. Aside from a relationship with God - what does the church offer to Christians and Non-Christians?

4. In your opinion, what is it that causes people within the church to turn away from God? What have you seen cause committed Christians to leave the church completely?
5. The good fish and the bad fish were all together in one net, not separated till they were brought on shore. How can you as a “good fish” remain good while amongst the “bad fish” on this earth until we are taken to shore (heaven)?
6. DEEPER THINKING: Why do you feel like churches across the United States in particular are declining in number?
7. DEEPER THINKING: Are you a “pole fisher” of men where you are selective about who you talk to about Jesus, or are you a Seine (Drag) Net fisher, where you are not discriminatory at all?