



ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 15–1: Interpreting a Story

Apply the two interpretive questions we used to read the Gospels to Matthew 24:43–25:13 or to another section of the Gospels selected by your teacher. Photocopy this page and record your findings in the chart below.

Matt. 24:43–44

Matt. 24:45–51

Matt. 25:1–13

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Assignment 15-2: Interpreting a Parable

Interpret the parable of the great banquet in Luke 14:15–24 or the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow in Luke 18:1–8 according to the interpretive principles explained in this chapter in the section dealing with parables.

Assignment 15-3: Reading about the Kingdom of God

One of Jesus' most frequent teaching topics was the kingdom of God. By reading one or both of the following articles on the kingdom of God in the teachings of Jesus, your understanding of the Gospels will be greatly enhanced:

Fee, Gordon D., and Douglas Stuart. "A Final, Very Important Word." In *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 4th ed., 150–53. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Stein, Robert H. "The Content of Jesus' Teaching: The Kingdom of God." In *The Method and Message of Jesus' Teachings*, rev. ed., 60–81. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1994.



For Assignment 15-3, you may prefer to read the descriptors of the kingdom of God/kingdom of heaven in the Gospel of Matthew, and list how Jesus uses metaphor and parable to illustrate this divine reality.