



UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

When Jesus told a story his listener's whole world flipped right upside down. The religious elite became the spiritually impoverished and the morally dubious became the first ones into God's Kingdom. The same holds true today. When we put ourselves under Jesus as Lord and give him permission to remake us gravity lets go and everything flips. The things that were of most importance to us fall right out of our lives and the things which we were running from become the most important things to us. What is happening is a critical shift — we are leaving our kingdom and entering Jesus's and just like Alice through the looking glass there is a learning curve on how to live in this new kingdom. Jesus doesn't just flip us, he reorients us so we can actually maneuver in this new context. That's what the parables of Jesus are all about — world altering stories and instructions.

SUNDAY	PARABLE	PREACHER
October 15, 2017	Parable of the Wandering Sheep Matthew 18:10-29	Pastor David
October 22, 2017	Parable of the Unmerciful Servant Matthew 18:21-35	Pastor David
October 29, 2017 Reformation Sunday	Parable of the Vineyard Workers Matthew 20:1-16	Pastor Sean
November 5, 2017	Parable of the Two Sons Matthew 21:28-32	Sandy Crozier (FMCiC)
November 12, 2017	Parable of the Tenants Matthew 21:33-46	Pastor David
November 19, 2017	Parable of the Wedding Banquet Matthew 22:1-14	Pastor David
November 26, 2017 Christ the King Sunday	Parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13	Pastor David
December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent	Parable of the Bags of Gold Matthew 25:14-30	Pastor David