Handout 7-A

# Learning from Parables

As you read Section 2, identify the six key themes that Jesus communicated through these stories about the Kingdom of God. Use the chart below to organize this information.

Truth about the Kingdom of God	Parables Jesus used to teach this truth	An application to my life today

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. If you were asked to describe the Kingdom of God, how would you reply?

2. Using one of the six truths in the chart above, explain why the use of parables may have been the most effective way to teach this lesson.

Handout 7-B

## Jesus Says . . . How Can I . . . ?

**Directions:** As you read Section 3, complete the following chart. In the left column, describe each of the teachings presented by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In the right column, offer one way that you can better live this teaching in your everyday life.

The Beatitudes		
Jesus says	How can I follow this teaching?	

## Jesus Says . . . How Can I . . . ?

**Directions:** As you read Section 3, complete the following chart. In the left column, describe each of the teachings presented by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In the right column, offer one way that you can better live this teaching in your everyday life.

Other Moral Teachings		
Jesus says	How can I follow this teaching?	

#### Handout 7-C

### After Hearing the Sermon

**Directions:** Imagine that you traveled back in time and were able to hear the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus preached it. Answer the following questions.

1. Which teaching surprised you most when you first heard it? Why did you find it surprising?

2. Which teaching seemed most "obvious" to you? Why did this teaching not surprise you?

3. Which teaching do you think will be hardest to put into practice? Why do you think this will be?