

# Sermon Study Questions

August 1, 2021

1. Read Matthew 13:10-17
2. What are parables?
3. What are a few important principles to remember in interpreting parables?
4. Jesus says that the reason why He speaks in parables is to conceal the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven (KOH) from some. What are these kingdom secrets, and why does He do this?
5. Jesus says that knowing the secrets of the KOH is something that must be given to a person. How are these secrets given and made known?
6. In what way does Jesus highlight the crowd's responsibility for having the secrets of the KOH kept from them?
7. In v.11-16 we see a clear reference to the relationship (and mystery) between divine sovereignty and human responsibility. Where do you see this in the text, and how do you explain this relationship?
8. While the secrets of the KOH are concealed from some, they are revealed to others. How do parables do this?
9. What practical application can you make from this sermon/text?
10. Pray!