

What in the World Is God up to for Heaven's Sake? 5
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TABLE TALK: What is your favorite parable of Jesus, and why?

Consider the following Bible passages in which a range of analogies are given regarding the nature of Christians and the Church:

Ephesians 5:8 _____

Matthew 5:13 _____

John 15:5 _____

Luke 13:18-21 _____

and _____

What is the common quality that these analogies emphasize?

What practical application do each of the following passages have for the Christian church as it does ministry.

- Matthew 20:26-28
- Mark 8:35
- John 12:24
- Philippians 2:3-7

- 1 Peter 4:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-22
- Matthew 28:19-20

Have each person at your table pick one of the quotations below and reflect on it briefly.

- “The Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning.” (*Emil Brunner*)
- “Missionary theology is not an appendix to biblical theology; it belongs at its very core.” (*George W. Peters*)
- “Either a church is missional or it is not the church... Apart from mission, the church is meaningless.” (*Peter L. Steinke*)
- “When a church loses its missionary vision and ceases to be missionary, it loses the right to be called a church in the New Testament sense of the word.” (*Ron Rogers*)
- “The church of God does not have a _____ in the world; the God of _____ has a church in the world.” (*Tim Dearborn, “A Passion of Christ, a Heart for Mission”*)

Thoughts about upcoming Bible Class studies?...