

## **August Sermon Series: Hidden in a Parable**

What is your purpose in life? Simple. You were created for intimacy with God. Jesus uses parable to express this.

The difference that your relationship with God makes in your life cannot be overexaggerated. The key is what we call “the UP” in our ministry plan. God’s highest priority for you is to be involved with Him in prayer, the study of His Word, and worship and praise.

What kind of life do you want? Do you want to live a life that is fulfilling and significant? Do you want to make a difference in the world? Then surrender yourself completely to Jesus Christ and ask Him to open your heart to His infinite love and mercy. It’s only through your fellowship and communion with God that you can truly affect other people’s lives in a way that lasts eternally. Your genuine intimacy with God will become evident in every area of your life, and that will positively affect the influence that you have with every person you encounter.

We’ll look at our intimacy with Christ this month. Please join us!

I hope you realize that Christ following is intimately connected with being with other believers for support and growth. That’s the “IN” and in our church that’s being part of a LifeGroup. Christ following also results in our connection to people and service in our neighborhood, city, country and world. We call that the “OUT.” Get involved. This is an awesome place.

### **Sundays in August:**

**August 6 How Jesus Does Financial Planning** (*The end of our life is a myth. We’re going to live forever with Christ. So, why not plan for life beyond death. It’s just rational. The only investments that count our people (Mat 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Eph. 5:15-17)*)

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Getting on the A-List.** (Jesus talks about a rented vineyard, the wedding feast, and how to accept the invitation is to accept change.)

**August 20 How to Love a Pretest from God** (Everyone gets equal trust and opportunity with the expectation to use what we have been given. And, every Christian is in ministry, it’s not an option. The three questions to prep for the final would be: a. Am I making God look good every day? B. Would I be doing things differently if it were up to me? C. What would those closest to me tell me my ministry is?)

**August 27 Four Keys to have your Prayer Answered** (*Prayer is important in the life of the Christ follower and can be discarded if expectations are not met. It’s happened to many people. Prayer is primarily and action not an attitude where God responds to relationship and not technique.*)

See you in church,

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