

## The Church in Jesus' Parables








### Matthew 13: 51-58

#### INTRODUCTION

WMC Klang, you are God's Church, planted by God, sustained by Him, and sent forth by God to connect with Him & with people; brothers & sisters, friends, neighbours and community. This is your vision and theme, God impressed upon you.

I am going to use Jesus' parables about His church as we dive deeper into WMC Klang's vision to connect with God and with people.

In the parables, Jesus shows us how to reconnect with God and people

-  the Sower parable : people connecting to God
-  the wheat and tares: people connecting to God , people connecting to people
-  the mustard seed: people connecting to God , people connecting to people
-  The woman, dough and yeast: people connecting to God , people connecting to people
-  The man and priceless pearl: people connecting to God
-  The man and buried treasure: people connecting to God
-  The net and catch: people connecting to God

Jesus in His parables taught the people about His Church. It is a series of parables that is taught in couplets, to reinforced its meaning.

- The parables of the sower and the wheat & tares are about God's church

- The seeds and ground conditions: disciples' relationship with the gospel
  - The wheat and tares: discipler's relationship with the gospel.
- b) The parables of the mustard seed and the woman kneading bread dough are about Jesus' vision of the Church and its compelling growth.
- c) The parables of the pearl of great price & the land and the buried treasure are about the Church being of great price and eternal.
- d) The parable of the net full of fish is about God's people, His church, a people walking well, living well and growing well in Christ. Jesus shows us the way to live well, walk well and grow well in Him. Jesus says, all who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.

Youths, young people, young families...they are the Church NOW. Reconnecting young people to the Church. We praise God for WMC Klang. Our church is blessed with a big group of youths, young adults and young families.

The Epworth League:

Founded in May 1889 and within 10 years it grew to over 1.75 million members in 19,500 chapters internationally.

1. The purpose of the League was the promotion of intelligent and vital piety among the young people of the Church
2. To encourage and cultivate Christ-centered character in young adults around the world through community building, missions, and spiritual growth.

3. The League takes its name from the village of Epworth, England, the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley.

## **WMC KLANG – FOR YOUR VISION AND ACTION.**

Reconnecting with people must be:

1. Intentional and purposeful
2. Implementing with zeal and oneness
3. Inducting brothers & sisters

## **The power of invitation**

1. 41% said that they would return to the local church if a friend or acquaintance invited them.
2. Younger adults are even more influenced by the power of the invitation. Approximately 60% of 18–35 years old would consider returning to church if someone they knew asked them to come back.



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## **The Motivating Factors for Reconnecting with Church**

1. Returning to church brings them back closer to God
2. Returning to church fills the spiritual and emotional gaps
3. Returning to church connecting with likeminded community who share their values
4. Returning to church to make a difference

**IN CONCLUSION:**

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

WMC Klang, “Have you understood all these things?”

**QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS:**

1. We are Disciples and Disciplers at the same time. Elaborate on this and share from your own experience and journey for both the roles as Disciple and Discipler.
2. Suggest some ways you and fellow brothers & sisters about seizing and appropriating the roles of Disciples and Disciplers to fulfil WMC Klang’s theme: Reconnect with God and people.