

**Parable Study Format:** For each parable, we will consider the following questions:

1. What is the context of the parable?
2. Who or what do the characters and objects in the story represent?
3. What is the message of the parable?
  - How can we apply the lessons conveyed in the story to strengthen our faith?
  - How can we use the lessons from the story to teach others outside of the Church?
4. What other Bible passages relate to this message?
5. What do we learn about God from this parable?