



## **Parables of Today:**

**Using Pop Culture to Understand Christianity, Part 4**

**Tuesdays, 9am-10:45am**

**Paradise Campus**

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**\*\*\*7-week course\*\*\***



Jesus used stories – parables – to help his followers remember his teachings: his tales of “The Good Samaritan” and “The Prodigal Son” are considered two of the most popular short stories of all time.

Intentionally or not, all forms of pop culture contain lessons which help us understand Jesus’ teachings today. Members will not only enjoy watching these examples (popcorn has appeared in the past and multiplied, like Jesus feeding the 5,000), they will learn how to discern parables on their own.

**Taking any of the previous courses is NOT required.**

**If you DID attend a previous Parables course, please note that about 75% of the material is new.**

**Class 1 – September 17** Introduction – What are the “Parables of Today” and how can you spot them?

**Class 2 – September 24** Parables in *Frozen* (don’t Let it Go – be ready for the sequel)

**Class 3 – October 1** Parables in Space – *Hidden Figures*, *The Right Stuff*, *Apollo 13*

**Class 4 – October 8** Parables in TV Shows – from *Brian’s Song* to *LOST*

**Class 5 – October 15** Parables in the Films of Steven Spielberg

**Class 6 – October 22** Parables in Comedies

**Class 7 – October 29** Parables in Science Fiction, Fantasy, &

Thrillers

**Please note: subject matter and/or scheduled dates are subject to change**

### **WHAT OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SAID ABOUT “Parables”:**

“One of the best classes I’ve taken.”

“Great class - very appropriate to real life outside classroom.”

“Fun!”

“Everyone needs to take this class!”

