

**MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
Passage: Matthew 13:1-52

**Read Matthew 13:1-23.**

1. When the word of the kingdom is heard, what different effects can it have upon people?
2. What reason does Jesus give for speaking in parables to the crowd and only explaining them to his disciples?
3. What warning is Jesus making to us about how we engage with the word of God?

**Read Matthew 13:24-43.**

4. What second reason does Jesus give for why he speaks in parables?
5. What expectations did Israel have prior to Jesus' birth concerning the unfolding of God's promises? How do these three parables challenge such expectations?
6. How might this encourage us when it comes to our engagement with God's word?

**Read Matthew 13:44-52.**

7. What do the first two parables have in common?
8. What warning does the third parable add to the first two parables?
9. What do you think the old and the new treasure are in the final parable?
10. How might these parables direct the kind of engagement we have with God's word?
11. Are there any cultural assumptions we have about preaching/teaching/Bible reading that this passage challenges?