**FIEC Leaders Conference 2024**

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**Kingdom Shepherds – Jesus Parables**

SOWER – Kingdom will grow by preaching word – *Preach the gospel*

WEEDS – Kingdom grows in the world until end age – *Don’t try to remove the weeds*

MUSTARD SEED & YEAST – Kingdom will grow in whole world until end age – *Gospel will triumph*

HIDDEN TREASURE/PEARL – Kingdom is costly in the present but worth it in the end – *Teach the cost*

NET – Kingdom comes with judgement at the end of the age – *Rejoice you are on the right side of history*

MOUTH (Matt 15v10-20) – Uncleanness is internal not external – *People need new hearts not new regulations*

UNMERCIFUL SERVANT – Kingdom is a community of mutual forgiveness – *Forgive because you have been forgiven*

WORKERS VINEYARD – Kingdom of grace not works – *Teach God’s radical and status-reversing generosity*

RICH FOOL – Kingdom does not belong to the greedy who appear blessed by God – *Be rich towards God*

SERVANTS AND WISE MANAGER – Kingdom’s members are called to serve absent master faithfully until he returns – *You have received much so much will be expected*

NARROW DOOR – Many Jews will fail to enter the Kingdom but there will be a great salvation of gentiles – *Preach the one way to enter the kingdom*

GREAT BANQUET – Kingdom will be offered to those who were not originally invited – *Go out and invite everyone*

LOST SHEEP, COIN, SON – Kingdom belongs to lost sinners who repent – *Seek the lost and celebrate every sinner who repents*

SHREWD MANAGER – Kingdom God will replace kingdom of this world – *Use your resources to invest in evangelism for eternity*

RICH MAN AND LAZARUS – Rich in this life will not enter the kingdom only those who believe the gospel – *The written revelation of the Scriptures is sufficient for salvation*

PERSISTENT WIDOW – Citizens Kingdom will get justice from God at end age – *Persevere in prayer*

PHARISEE & TAX COLLECTOR – To enter the kingdom you need to be justified by faith – *Preach justification by faith not law/works*

GOOD SAMARITAN – The King wants mercy not legal purity – *Go and do likewise*

THE TWO SONS – Kingdom belons to those who repent and work in it – *Call people to repent, believe and work*

TENANTS OF THE VINEYARD – Kingdom will be taken from physical nation Israel and given to others – *Understand salvation history*

WEDDING BANQUET (Matt 22v1-14) – Kingdom will be entered by those who respond to the invitation (after Israel rejects) and are properly dressed – *Invite everyone*

TEN VIRGINS – It may be a long time before the King comes to establish his kingdom – *Be ready for a long wait*

SHEEP & GOATS – The Kingdom is entered by those who wait faithfully by caring for the subjects of the king (fellow believers/disciples) – *Serve Jesus by serving his people*