

## ***Hermeneutics in the Parables***

### *The Uniqueness of Hermeneutics in the Parables*

- Because the Parables were originally intended to be heard they seldom needed interpretation
- But because of our lack of knowledge of the original points of reference
  - And because we have them in a written form
  - They do not 'catch' us in the same way
- Thus, our need to interpret

### *Steps to Interpretation*

1. We must look at the parables in their present biblical context
  - Through their present context, we can use exegesis to discover their 'point'
2. We can then translate that same point into our own context
  - This translation may involve retelling the story with the points of references translated to make sense to a modern hearer
    - Good Samaritan example (p. 166)
  - This should only be attempted once you have done solid exegesis
3. Since all of Jesus' are in some way vehicles that proclaim the kingdom of God
  - It is necessary for us to immerse ourselves in the meaning of the kingdom in the ministry of Jesus
  - The message of the "already/not yet" nature of the kingdom is still needed today