

## THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' PARABLES

*Luke 8:4-15*

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1. **Introduction:** Did Jesus speak in parables to reveal or conceal the message of God's kingdom?
  
  2. **The reason behind Jesus' shift to teaching in parables**
    - a. Opposition by the Pharisees and teachers of the Law
    - b. Rejection by the crowd
    - c. Jesus spoke in parables to hide the secrets of the kingdom from some and reveal them to others
  
  3. **The purpose of Jesus' parables**
    - a. *Shema* – the call to hear and obey
    - b. Jesus' parables speak of the Kingdom of God
  
  4. **Application from Parable of the Sower**
    - a. What is our heart's disposition?
    - b. How do we nurture an obedient heart?