



AY2016-17, Semester 2 (Jan – Jun 2017)

**JESUS THE STORYTELLER:
HEARING THE PARABLES
AFRESH FOR CHRISTIAN
DISCIPLESHIP AND FORMATION
(NT219, 1.5 CR)
[Biblical Studies Elective]**

COURSE DETAILS

Dates: Apr 22, 29 (Both full-day Saturday
9:30 am – 5:30 pm)

Venue: Mount Carmel BP Church
Clementi Bible Centre
152 West Coast Road
Singapore 127370

Fees:* S\$225 (Credit)
S\$90 (Audit)

Format: Live Class Study

* Students from Host Church are entitled to 20% discount on credit course(s) only.

* Alumni students are entitled to 10% discount on audit course(s).

The Lecturer

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About the Course...

This course offers an in-depth study of selected parables of Jesus, including a survey of the history of their interpretation, their function in the ministry of Jesus, their purpose in the narrative of the Synoptic Gospels, and reflection upon their challenge for Christian discipleship and formation. This course will also explore the use of parables in contemporary teaching and preaching ministry where we will attempt to understand the parables of Jesus in light of their first-century environment, and to bridge the gap between the *then* and *now* in applying the parables to our present situations in life and ministry.



Course Objectives

1. Examine the history of research on the parables and its contribution to our understanding of the nature and meaning of parable, past and present.
2. Investigate the historical, literary, social, cultural, and religious contexts of selected parables.
3. Appreciate the place of parables in the life and ministry of Jesus and the narrative of the Synoptic Gospels so that we could gain a fuller understanding of the “kingdom of God” as the central motif of Jesus’ teaching.
4. Reflect on the teaching and challenge of the parables in Christian discipleship and formation.

Academic Information

Course Texts: (1) Klyne Snodgrass, *Stories with Intent: A Comprehensive Guide to the Parables of Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008. (2) Lim Kar Yong, *Jesus the Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Afresh*. Singapore: Armour, 2015.

Assignments: (1) 2000-word essay [70% of course grade]; (2) 1000-word reflection [30% of course grade]

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