

2023: Living Our Faith According to Jesus's Parables

Jesus's parables are short, simple stories he shared to teach and illuminate how we as Christians can go through the day in our work environment seeking to walk with Christ and let the Holy Spirit guide all our work decisions amidst the pressures and challenges faced in the work environment.

BELIEVES is a **once-a-month speaker series** ministry the **second Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 AM EST held either via Zoom or In-Person in the "Ministry Offices" at Christ the King Cathedral in Buckhead (2699 Peachtree)** to promote dialogue around integrating faith in the **work life** for both business men and business women.

THEME	DATE / FORMAT	TOPIC AND SPEAKERS
GOD FIRST	Jan. 10, 2023 (IN-PERSON AT CTK)	<u>Parable of the Pearl – Matthew 13:45-46</u> <i>(Involves: us and what we are looking for)</i> How do we put God first, and yield our will to Him? Are we willing to live and work with the intent towards God? - Amy Ard, Executive Director of Motherhood Beyond Bars
	Feb. 14, 2023 (VIA ZOOM)	<u>Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders – Luke 6:47-49</u> <i>(Involves: hearing and acting upon Jesus' words)</i> How important is listening? How does one listen to discern his/her vocation or professional path? What does listening done well look like and lead to as a leader and in an organization? - Carolyn Woo, former President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services - Bishop-Elect John-Nhan Tran of the Archdiocese of Atlanta - Rev. John T. Howren, Rector and Pastor at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish
	March 14, 2023 (VIA ZOOM)	<u>Parable of the Hidden Treasure – Matthew 13:44</u> <i>(Involves: discovering and understanding what's of value)</i> What is the hidden treasure we look for? How can we know when we find the true hidden treasure we are meant to find? - Philip Wilson, Founder and CEO of Ecofiltro
	April 11, 2023 (IN-PERSON AT CTK)	<u>Parable of the Persistent Widow – Luke 18:1-8</u> <i>(Involves: persisting in prayer, being obedient to God's quiet voice that only we each hear from Him, and even facing an "internal judge" or "internal widow" within)</i> How do we persist in obedience to God – personally and professionally -- and what can it look like? - Bruce Deel, Founder and CEO of City of Refuge - Rev. Dr. Marguerite Doctor, Providence Women's Healthcare OB/GYN and Pastor at Mt. Pleasant AME Church
CHANGE	May 9, 2023 (FORMAT TBD)	<u>Parable of New Cloth on an Old Coat – Luke 5:36</u> <i>(Involves: change, the preparation for change, and things anew)</i> How can we prepare for new things to come about, and go beyond our plans to have a steadiness to support the change? - Speaker to be announced
	June 13, 2023 (VIA ZOOM)	<u>Parable of Forgiven Debts – Luke 7:36-50</u> <i>(Involves: repentance)</i> Where is there need for repentance in our world today, especially within the business community, and what is the true value of that from a faith standpoint? What happens if it does/doesn't happen? - Rob Streetman, President of InLight Consulting, and author of <i>The Map Maker</i> and <i>A Storm is Coming</i>
	July 11, 2023 (FORMAT TBD)	<u>Parable of New Wine in Old Wineskins – Luke 5:37-38</u> <i>(Involves: something new happening)</i> Renewal is essential. What's renewal like in an organization that changes form to find its way, and how can you discern what your org needs and how to navigate it? - Speaker to be announced
SELFLESS	August 8, 2023 (FORMAT TBD)	<u>Parable of the Lost Sheep – Luke 15:3-7</u> <i>(Involves: redemption)</i> How can we own all of who we are to become whole and transformed? - Speaker to be announced
	Sept. 12, 2023 (FORMAT TBD)	<u>Parable of the Unfruitful Fig Tree – Luke 13:6-9</u> <i>(Involves: the chance to change)</i> What does faith in well-grounded/nurtured decisions and plans look like – personally, professionally, and in organizational culture? How are they discerned? - A panel discussion including Charlie Siciak, Co-Founder and CEO of Goodwipes
	Oct. 10, 2023 (VIA ZOOM)	<u>Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-14</u> <i>(Involves: the humility of repentance)</i> Is there consequence to the "self-promotion" trap? How can we be on the lookout to keep from falling into it? - A facilitated, interactive discussion
GROWTH	Nov. 14, 2023 (VIA ZOOM)	<u>Parable of the Mustard Seed – Matthew 13:31-32</u> <i>(Involves: the power of God's Truth, faith, and God's "subtle whisper")</i> What does intentional growth rooted in being sure you're connected to His Truth and the original core look like? - Wes Kittley, National Champion Head Track Coach at Texas Tech University
	Dec. 12, 2023 (IN-PERSON AT CTK)	<u>Parable of the Growing Seed – Mark 4:26-29</u> <i>(Involves: a person seeking understanding and planting seeds)</i> Seed can be scattered, but how can they continue to grow and be of value? - Mary Grace King, LMSW, Founder and Executive Director of Frontline Housing