



# A PRAYER I NEED

*“Lord, I don't understand this.”*

Matthew 13:10; 13:36; 16:7-8; 17:11

*You must pray in your own life so that God can build the character you need to reach into someone else's life.*

## A Few Thoughts

- When we pray, we talk to the Lord; we don't see Him.
- When the disciples prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.
- Prayer is communicating with Jesus - connecting our hearts with His.



1. The disciples asked Jesus why He often used parables in Matt. 13:10. Were they more concerned about the \_\_\_crowds understanding or \_\_\_themselves understanding?
  - **Ok, let me be honest. If I was a disciple with Jesus, I would want the people to think I understood everything being said; I know - prideful & dishonest.**
2. Read Matt. 13:10-35. Keep in mind that this gathering included Jesus, His disciples, and a great crowd of people.
  - a. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Did the disciples ask Jesus to explain the parable in Matt. 13:10?
  - b. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Did Jesus think the disciples wanted to understand (Matt. 13:16)?

## LOOK AT THIS.

- **Jesus explained the parable to them even though they did not ask. (13:18-23)**
  - **Jesus then told them three parables in a row without explanation (13:24-33).**
3. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do you think Jesus wanted them to ask the meanings?
  4. The disciples finally ask Jesus to explain a parable in 13:36.
    - a. Where was the crowd? \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Where were Jesus & the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Jesus proceeded to tell three more parables to them in private. (13:44-50)**
  5. What did Jesus ask them after He was done? (13:51) \_\_\_\_\_
  6. How did the disciples answer Him? (13:51) \_\_\_\_\_
  7. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do you think they understood everything He just taught them?
  - **We cannot possibly understand lots of things in the Bible; the disciples didn't.**
  - **JESUS KNEW THAT; HE DID NOT CRITICIZE THEM AT ALL.**
  - Matt. 13:52 says we have learned things (old things from the past); we are learning now (new things). Those things will come together & make sense.
  8. Why is it good to ask God to explain it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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