

# SIMPLYJESUS

## The Power of a Parable

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Carl notes how Jesus often responded to questions, particularly “trick” questions. He said that Jesus would either: never answer, give a better question back, or tell a story that doesn’t make any sense. Why do you think Jesus responded this way?
2. The story of the Good Father shocked the Hezbollah hearers, as it would have shocked the 1st century Jewish hearers. Carl suggests this is because of their understanding of honor and justice. If you are honest, does the father that Jesus describes shock or surprise you? Why or why not? How closely does this father mirror your thoughts about God?
3. Many of us may have a “favorite story” about Jesus. But, Carl said he thought it important to get to know all the stories of Jesus...about 45 in the bible. Do you agree this is important if you want to get to know Jesus? Do you have a favorite story and why? Is there one that you find difficult to understand, or one that you avoid?
4. Carl took a big risk in telling a story of Jesus to Hezbollah TV. Why do you think he took this risk? When you think about Jesus, his life and his ways, how might he be inviting you to risk?