

## JSP Groups, Week 6 – Storytelling

Lord Jesus Christ,  
thank you for the story of your coming amongst us,  
and for the way it transforms the journey of our own lives.  
Thank you for your parables of the Kingdom of God;  
help us to realise the truth revealed through them,  
and help us to share our faith adventures with people around us. Amen

We began by reflecting on **what is the best fiction book or short story that you have ever read? Or if you're not into reading, what is the best film you have seen, or TV series you have watched?**

We brought to mind stories that Jesus told; thinking about how they have had an impact on our faith.

We looked at our Gospel Passage, Mark 4: 1-20, the Parable of the Sower.  
We asked why Jesus used stories or parables so often.

**We thought about how we should get the soil ready; about how we as individuals and the Cathedral might become good soil so that people flourish and grow in response to God.**

This included:

- our welcome
- being a happy community – and therefore attractive
- are we the weeds?
- how we enrich and refresh ourselves
- being patient
- remembering that spiritual lows are part of the journey  
How can we be a community that communicates this, which expresses this openly?
- we should dare to fail
- recognising our different needs and roles within the community
- being aware of the cares people are carrying – trying to support one another

We are now pausing JSP while we journey through Lent and Easter. We will be back at the end of May.