New Testament for Ministry
Lecture #4 Outline: Parables

I. Introduction to Parables
   A. Prominence of Parables
   B. What are Parables?
   C. Parables and Everyday Life
   D. Parables as Prophetic
   E. Parables for Ministry

II. Quintessential Parable: Sower (Mark 4.1–34)

III. Interpretation of Select Parables
   A. Allegorical?
   B. Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25–37)
   C. Two Debtors (Luke 7.36–47)
   E. Prodigal Son (Luke 15.11–31)
   F. Unjust Steward (Luke 16.1–13)

IV. Parables and Ethical Emphases
   A. Cross
   B. (New) Creation
   C. Compassion
   D. Covenant Community
   E. Covenant Presence

V. Application