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Matthew
 Mark
 Luke
 John
 Acts

Romans
 Corinthians
 Galatians
 Ephesians
 Philippians

Colossians
 Thessalonians
 Timothy
 Titus
 Philemon

Hebrews
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 Peter
 Jude
 Revelation



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What's the Point?

Directions: Look up each parable listed below. Match the reference of the parable on the left with its main point on the right.

Matthew 13:31-32

The Kingdom of Heaven is worth everything we've got!

Matthew 13:33

It's hard to tell from our point of view who actually belongs to the Kingdom and who doesn't.

Matthew 13:44-45

The Kingdom of Heaven started small, but is exploding to include many.

Matthew 13:47-50

The Kingdom of Heaven will be spread to all.

