



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**“Living Among the Weeds” – Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43**  
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**Main thought:**

In a world where evil seems to flourish, Jesus calls us not to eliminate evil people ourselves, but to trust God’s timing, focus on His harvest, and influence the world through quiet, faithful kingdom impact.

**Ice-Breaker**

- What skill do you think everyone should have?

**Questions**

1. What stood out to you from Matthew 13:24-43?
2. When have you struggled with seeing evil people prosper or injustice go unchecked?
3. The servants ask, “*Where did the weeds come from?*” How does Jesus’ answer (“*an enemy did this*”) shape your understanding of evil?
4. Why do you think our instinct is often to want to “pull the weeds” (judge, eliminate, or fix people)?
5. Jesus says not to pull the weeds yet. What reasons does He give? What risks are involved in trying to do it ourselves?
6. How does knowing there will be a future “harvest” (separation and justice) help how we think and how we live now?
7. How does remembering that we were once “weeds” too affect the way we view others?
8. Instead of “pulling weeds,” what does it look like to focus on growing wheat?
9. Jesus says God’s kingdom grows like a mustard seed (small) and yeast (hidden but powerful).
  - a. Where has God placed you to have a quiet but meaningful influence?

**Prayer:** Take some time to pray for each other.