

Matthew 13 Community Group Questions

Matthew 13:24-30

1—When did you feel closest to Jesus this past week?

2—Read Matthew 13:24-30. Jesus interprets this parable to his disciples in Matthew 13:37-43. See below. This is one of only two parables where Jesus interprets a parable to his disciples. Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus to explain this parable?

MAN = Son of Man (Jesus)

ENEMY = Devil

FIELD = World

WHEAT = People of the kingdom

WEEDS = People of the enemy

HARVEST = Judgment Day

3—This parable is about having people in your life who are non-believers. Do you have anyone in your inner circle who doesn't trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior? How has faith come up in your relationship? What has been challenging with these individuals?

4—Read vv.27-28. When you read that the enemy is responsible for "sowing weeds" in the world, how is your faith impacted? How do you interpret these verses?

5—Read v.30. Jesus insists that both the WHEAT and the WEEDS should grow together in the world. Are you surprised with Jesus' response to his servants when they want to separate the WEEDS from the WHEAT? This verse has been interpreted as God showing grace and mercy to those who should immediately experience the consequences of their sin. What do you think Jesus means in v.30?

6—Which of Sunday's points resonates with you?

- Kingdom people trust God with His plans by continuing to seek His kingdom.
- Kingdom people are aware the enemy is consistently sowing.
- Kingdom people lead with grace.
- Kingdom people play the long game.
- Kingdom people know that their side ultimately wins.

7—How can you apply this parable in your life?