

# Parables | July 18-25, 2021

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 13:47-50

**Icebreaker Questions:** What has been something in life that you had to wait for that was a bit scary?

#### Read Matthew 13:47-50

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What questions do you have about the text?
- In your own words explain what you picture happening in this parable.

#### Read Matthew 13:47-48

- What specific kind of net is Jesus referring to, how does it work, and how does that add context to the parable?
- If you only had these 2 verses, what might you think is the main point of this parable?

#### Read Matthew 13:49-50

- After reading these 2 verses & seeing Jesus emphasis, how would you now verbalize the main point?
- Read several or all of these verses and discuss what the OT had to say about hell. (*Job 10:21, Psalm 88:12, Eccl 9:10, Isa 14:10, Psalm 16:10; 49:15, Isa 25:8, Hosea 13:14, Dan 12:2, Psalm 21:10; 140:10, Mal 4:1-2, Psalm 9:17; 34:15-16*)
- Read several or all of these verses and discuss what Jesus had to say about hell. (*Matt. 13:42; 25:30; 10:28, Mark 9:43; 48, Luke 16:19–31*)
- What additional clarity did Jesus specifically bring to understanding hell?

#### Read 2 Peter 3:9-10

- How does this passage connect with the picture in Matthew 13 of the drawing in of the net and the sorting of the fish?
- ]How would you explain the connection between Jesus emphasis on hell and His love for us?

#### Application

- When you first became a Christian, what motivated you to make that decision?
- Is it ok to become a Christian out of a fear of hell?
- What are some things in life that remind you that life is short and judgment is coming?
- How would your day look differently if you were more aware of the coming judgment?



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