

# Parables | June 13 - 19, 2021

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

#### Icebreaker Questions:

- Have you ever planted a garden? If yes, what have you learned?

Jesus speaks a lot about the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. What's he talking about? What are some things that are true of an earthly kingdom and how do they relate to God's kingdom?

**Read Matthew 13:24-30** *This first section lays out the parable, the next the explanation.*

- What questions would the audience have been asking about the parable? How might they have tried to answer those questions prior to Jesus's explanation of the parable in the next section?

**Read Matthew 13:36-43** *This section is Jesus's explanation of the parable.*

- Who is the seed sower? Who are the good seeds? Who are the weeds?
- Where is all this action happening? When will this all happen?
- What will happen to the weeds and the wheat? On what basis are they separated?
- How does this help us understand what is happening in God's kingdom here and now? About God's kingdom in the future?
- What expectations should we have given the wheat and weeds are growing side by side?
- What expectations should we have given the wheat and weeds will be separated?
- This parable forces us to answer if we're 'wheat' or 'weed'? How do you know which you are?
- What difference does it make knowing the harvest hasn't happened but is coming?

#### Application

- What wisdom is God giving you from this parable as you take the perspective of being the wheat? What is the responsibility for someone who is "wheat" in God's kingdom?
- What wisdom is God giving you from this parable as you take the perspective of being a weed? What is the reality for someone who is a "weed" in God's kingdom? How can a weed be transformed?

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