



Series : Kingdom Parables

Passage Mathew 13:24-43

Title: What Life is Like in God's Kingdom Part 2

Speaker: Pastor David Menard – 10/4/2020

Discussion Starter – What new insights or reflections have you acquired by listening to this past week's sermon?

The Parable of the Tares and Wheat (Matthew 13:24-30)

- What are tares and what or who do they spiritually represent in this parable? What connection do they have, if any to the parable of the soils?
- Who sows the tares and what are some of the things you observe about his tactics in how he sows his seeds? What do you see as his motivation?
- How does this parable apply to us as Christians today?
- What lessons can we learn from Jesus' instruction to not pull up the tares until the harvest? Why would a loving God allow evil to co-exist with good? Read Romans 9:20-24. What additional insights are gained from these verses?

The Parable of the Tares and Wheat Explained (Matthew 13:36-43)

- Why do you think the disciples only asked Jesus to explain the parable of the tares and the wheat and not the parable of the mustard seed or the leaven?
- Who sows the good seed and what does the good seed represent?
- Explain in your own words the significance of the field in verse 38 and how it relates to the two types of seeds?
- Explain how Jesus sows His seeds. How do you think Satan sow his seeds?
- When is the harvest and what happens to each of the seeds? What role do the angels play?
- What do we learn about hell? How can we know if we are wheat and not tares? What amazing promises are we given as "wheat" the true followers of Christ?

The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven (Matthew 13:31-35)

- What are some of the differences you see in these two parable as compared to parables of the soils and the tares and wheat parables?
- Explain what you think the parable of the mustard seed and the leaven are speaking about as it relates to the kingdom of heaven?
- How are these two parables they similar and how are they different? Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-7. Discuss the insights gained from these verses.