



“Parable of The Wheat and Tares”

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1. Have you ever used an illustration or story to help get your point across to someone? Why is this an effective means of communication?
2. READ Matthew 13:34-35. What is a parable and why did Jesus use parables to communicate?
3. READ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42. What parts of the parable did Jesus interpret for his disciples?
4. What is the “kingdom of heaven?” Is it any different than the “kingdom of God?”
5. READ Matthew 3:2; 4:17,23; 10:7. What consistent message did John the Baptist, Jesus, and His Disciples all preach? How would the original hearers have understood this message? What does that message mean to us today?
6. READ Matthew 6:9-10. What do these verses mean and how might they connect with this parable?
7. Review The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). What are some of the ways that citizens of the kingdom of heaven behave/live? How is this often a contrast to the way the world behaves/lives?
8. Read Matthew 6:33. What kingdom is supposed to be our priority? What does that look like?
9. What are Tares and why would an enemy use them to sabotage a field?
10. Discuss the following application questions:
 - (1) Why does God allow evil to continue in this world?
 - (2) Is it justifiable for people to write the church off because of hypocrites?
11. READ I Peter 5:8 and Ephesians 6:10-18. Spend some time talking about the reality of our enemy and spiritual warfare. How can we be victorious?
12. Why is it easy to forget that we are in a spiritual battle? What are some ways we can become more aware and more engaged in pursuing spiritual victory?
13. Is hell a real place? Why or why not? Are you able to defend your position from scripture? What will hell be like?
14. Is heaven a real place? Why or why not? Are you able to defend your position from scripture? What will heaven be like?
15. Although we live in a physical world, we are also part of the spiritual world. Spend some time praying for one another, that we may be victoriously advancing God’s Kingdom!