



WEEK 5: PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & WEEDS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Pastor discusses the parable of the wheat and the tares, emphasizing the need for self-reflection within the church community. He challenges listeners to evaluate whether they are living as wheat (good seed) or tares (weeds). Drawing attention to the enemy's subtle work within the church, Pastor encourages discernment and awareness of spiritual influences in our lives. Ultimately, he reminds us that transformation is possible through the Holy Spirit, urging us to surrender control and allow God to cultivate the character necessary for producing good fruit.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Matthew 13:24-30 (NLT)

Matthew 13:36-43 (NLT)

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT)

Colossians 1:9-11 (NIV)

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Being Like Jesus

The pastor explains how Jesus highly values our character and our fruit.

- a. How does this parable unveil Jesus' heart for us? How does it affect your heart?
- b. How can we live in a way that unveils Jesus' heart for our family, friends, and church?

2

Jesus' Wisdom

Jesus explains that the farmer (the Son of Man) knew the evil deeds of the enemy but responded with wisdom and patience.

- a. How might we respond with His wisdom and patience when the enemy tries to disrupt our growth?
- b. Consider your life, where are you already implementing His wisdom and patience in places of difficulty? Where do you need His help?

3

Becoming His Children

The sermon explains how we have all been weeds at some point but needed Jesus to transform us.

- a. What would it look like to show the same patience Jesus showed—especially toward people who don't embody a godly lifestyle?
- b. In what ways can you practice patience and grace with someone in your life who may not be living up to your own expectations?

4

Caring Community

Jesus' parable emphasizes distinction, some live for the Kingdom and some live for the world. The reality is the world can influence those of the Kingdom.

- a. How do we better care for those in the church who struggle with worldly ways?
- b. If this is us, how do we allow ourselves to be challenged to be people of the Kingdom?

We Belong in the Father's House

The sermon emphasizes the importance of the will in experiencing the Kingdom and suggests that Jesus wants to win our hearts and minds.

- a. What do you think it means to have a 'willing heart' in the context of being part of the Kingdom of God?
- b. Consider a time when you had to decide whether to open your heart to something new or challenging. How did that experience shape your understanding of being willing?

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Personal Reflection

There is a temptation to simply look the part rather than be the part. Jesus' heart is to shape us and form us to His image.

- Does your character reflect a weed or wheat?
- Where in your life has the enemy planted weeds in your heart that is limiting what God wants to produce in you?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, pray on and write down:

- Where God wants to transform your character.
- Ways to begin living into our new, God-given character.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you begin to live in this new identity we have in Christ.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Closing Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) : *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

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