

Jesus and Weed Life Group Questions

Warm Up: If you were a season of the year (summer, fall, winter, spring), what season would you be?

1. Matthew 13:24-30 is a story from Jesus commonly called The Parable of the Weeds. Read this parable and discuss the following questions.

- What do you think is the main point of the parable?
- What does the parable teach us about evil in the world?
- The farmer does not allow the servants to separate the weed from the wheat. Instead, he tells them to let the two grow together. What is the farmer's reasoning for this? How does this reasoning broaden our view of good and evil in the world today?
- Is Jesus implying that good in the world should be passive toward evil in the world since the farmer would not allow the weed to be removed? Explain.

2. Matthew 13:36-43 records Jesus' explanation of the parable. Read this explanation and discuss the following questions.

- Jesus says two things will be weeded out of his kingdom. What are those two things? Briefly define (give examples if you can) what those two things are.
- Revelation 21:6-8 gives us a small list of the type of actions people can habitually commit to prove they have never trusted Christ. What do you find interesting about this list?
- Jesus says "everything that causes sin and all who do evil" will be thrown into the blazing furnace "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." What do you think weeping and gnashing of teeth means?
- Jesus says the righteous "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." The phrase means the righteous will be recognized and rewarded. Briefly describe how someone becomes righteous (you can share your testimony if you like)?