

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This past weekend we walked through some difficult portions of scripture. Take some time to re-familiarize yourself with the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds.

READ TOGETHER

Read **Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43**.

Jesus teaches the disciples about the “eternal kingdom”, and about the future. It is a sobering look at the end of all things; things that are yet to occur. There are **Eternal Kingdom Realities** that Jesus is trying to get the disciples to see and understand.

1. **We are all people of Destiny. We all have a destination.**

What is your initial feeling about this? How does this hit you emotionally?

How have you grappled with the existence of Hell and eternal separation from God?

Why do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to “get” that Heaven and Hell are eternal realities? What was He trying to inspire/ensure?

Who do you think of when you think about this challenging thought of some being separated from God? Take some time to pray for these people.

2. **God is Just**

Is there an area of your life, or an experience you have had, where you are calling out for justice? Where you are calling out for things to be made right?

We talked about the multi-faceted character of God. God being Just and Judge are two that Jesus brings up in this parable. Why do you think God judges? What is the point of that? Why does He do it?

As we disciple others it is so critical to center them on the cross constantly, and to remind them that the price has been paid, the wrath of God has passed us by... all because of Jesus on the cross.

Especially when Heaven and Hell, judgment and justice, come up. How would you explain or describe this reality to someone? Is there a simple way to walk through this?

3. **We have a role, in the midst of ambiguity**

What does it look like to be the wheat?

What is NOT our role as the wheat?

How are you feeling the complexities of living in the Kingdom of God, but also feeling the kingdom of darkness at work in the world? What does it look like for you? Does this look at our role as “wheat” help you as you consider these complexities?

4. **Demands a new perspective**

Take a few minutes to pray and reflect silently. Write down what your life would (or could) look like if you lived each day in full recognition of these eternal realities. What would change? What would look dramatically different?

Then, take another few minutes and simply ask God what stands in the way of these changes being made, or becoming reality in your life.

What are the barriers? What are the complications? What are the hurdles?

Take some time to describe what you have written, and pray for each person - that God would help, by His Spirit, to inspire change/growth in the coming days and weeks.