

SUMMER STORIES

The Parables of Jesus



Summer Stories: The Parables of Jesus | The Wheat and Weeds

We've been studying Jesus' Kingdom parables. But if His Kingdom is here, why is there still evil? How do I recognize evil? And how do I know for sure I am part of God's Kingdom? This week we'll see how to recognize citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and how to fight the kingdom of evil, dealing with the weeds growing around us.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43.** How did the parable of the wheat and weeds act as a mirror in your life this week?
 - a. Are you wheat or weed? If wheat, how did it happen for you?
 - b. How have you seen this parable play out in modern times and how has it affected you?
2. **Read Ephesians 6:11-17.** Where else do you tend to turn first when confronting evil?
 - a. Which of the pieces of the armor of God have you found most useful or easiest to use?
 - b. Which would you most like to understand better and engage more? Why?
3. **Read Romans 8:28.** Sometimes we see ways God works things for good even in evil situations and sometimes we don't. We can never be fully sure of how He is working. Share some times you have seen this verse play out in your life.
 - a. How does believing this promise encourage you or how has it encouraged you in the past?
4. What's your biggest takeaway from the parables of the mustard seed and leaven?