



Week of July 30 - a

Scripture: Mt 13:36-43

Main Idea: Jesus explains to his disciples the meaning of the parable of the weeds. He tells them about a future time when God will separate the saved from the lost. This will happen on judgment day.

Questions

Preschool: On judgement day, will everyone go to be with God? Why not?

Grade school: What happens on Judgement Day? Is everyone going to live in Heaven? Heaven is free to all people, right? No. Can you get to Heaven without being faithful to Jesus? Again, no. Jesus came to live on earth to give us a plan and way to get to Heaven. And on judgement day, God will separate those who will go to Heaven and those who will go to Hell.

Teen: Who are the good seeds? What happens to them on judgement day? Who are the tares/weeds? What happens to them on judgement day? How does knowing this help us?

Adult: This parable shows that the sons of the kingdom and the sons of the Evil One live side-by-side in the world (the field). However, in verse 41 Jesus says He will send angels and they will gather out of his kingdom, which tells us that we are side-by-side with some sons of the Evil One in the church. One version says the angels will gather "all things that offend." Another says "stumbling blocks." Can you identify any items which have been stumbling blocks for you? Is this scary to think about?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For God to help us not become discouraged about the sinfulness of people around us, but to look and prepare for judgment day.

July Memory Verse:

Psalm 139:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



Week of July 30 - b

Scripture: Mt 13:44-46

Main Idea: Jesus tells two brief parables that have the same meaning. One is about a man who finds a treasure worth so much he buys the property in order to have it. The other is about a man who finds a pearl worth selling all he had in order to buy it. Jesus is teaching us about how valuable heaven is and how we should be ready to sacrifice whatever is necessary to be right with God and inherit eternal life.

Questions

Preschool: If God asked you to give up your favorite toy to be with Him in Heaven, would that be difficult for you to do? Would it be worth it?

Grade school: What's worth more to you? Heaven or something you can buy on earth? Is there anything you can buy here worth more than Heaven? This is just a temporary place, nothing here is worth it in the end. We need to make sure we have what we need in Heaven and God will take care of us here on earth.

Teen: What have been some things that have been easier for you to sacrifice for your relationship with God? What are some things that have been more difficult? Do you remember to ask Jesus for help when you find it difficult?

Adult: Jesus follows the parable of the sower, where there were some who didn't last, with parables about men who found such a treasure that they sold everything they had to acquire it. Have you or someone you know ever made a huge sacrifice in order to remain in relationship with the Lord? What did they give up? In 15-20 years will that thing they sacrificed be important to them? Now think about people who didn't make sacrifices and eventually were not strong in the faith or even fell completely away. What made them sacrifice their place in God's family? Will that thing that supplanted God matter to them in 15-20 years? Is there anything you currently need to sacrifice?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For us to not be caught up chasing earthly treasures, but to know the treasure we have in Christ.

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