

Hope in the Face of Evil **Matthew 13:24-43**

What is your hope in the face of evil?

- I. God has worked
 - A. The center of history (v. 34-35; Ps. 78:2)
 - B. The center of your story (Rom. 8:35-37)
- II. God is working
 - A. When growth is hard to see (v. 31-33)
 - B. When growth seems slow (v. 31-33)
- III. God will work
 - A. The lingering presence of evil (v. 24-30)
 - B. Leaving vengeance to God (v. 36-43; Ps. 37:7-9; Rom. 12:19-21)

Application Guide:

1. What evil are you facing, or have you faced that is disturbing and unsettling? How does the crucifixion of Jesus Christ give you hope in the face of this evil?
2. Have you ever felt that evil is senseless and purposeless? Explain. How do the parables of the mustard seed and leaven give you hope?
3. In what situation are you seeking to avenge yourself? Why is God's vengeance good news? How does it empower you to overcome evil with good?