

# *Community Notes*

*Pastor : Kevin Key*

*Parables with Purpose*

*September 17th – 18<sup>th</sup> -2022*

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This week was week 5 in the series “Parables with Purpose”. Pastor Kevin shared the Parable of Wheat and Tares in Matthew 13.

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1. **What stood out to you the most in this weekend’s message? Why was this so impactful to you?**

Pastor Kevin provided the three parts to the wheat growing process which mirrors that of the follower of Christ.

2. **Read Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43. The first part of the overall growth process Pastor Kevin mentioned is the sowing. The Lord is the sower and the world is the field. Wheat roots are shallow and similarly, followers of Christ should not sow deep roots into the world. The devil is also sowing crops next to the Lord’s.**
- A. What do the “tares” represent?
  - B. What expectations should we have given the tares are being planted among the wheat?
3. **The second part of the process mentioned is the growing. Pastor Kevin explained how the wheat and the tares grow together and look the same. However, Jesus says the tares should not be identified and “plucked” out or else the wheat may be uprooted with it.**
- A. How can we tell the “wheat” from the “tares” today?
  - B. How do we discern evil and hold people accountable for their actions without judging them in unhealthy ways (plucking them out)?
  - C. How does it hurt the Kingdom when we “pluck” out the “tares” ourselves?
4. **The last part of the process mentioned is the reaping. Pastor Kevin explained that the harvest will come at the end of the age where the “wheat” will be separated from the “tares”.**

- A. Why is it so hard for us to wait for the harvest?
- B. What does this parable teach us about church purity and divine patience?

5. What has this message encouraged you to do to handle the “tares” in your life?

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- 1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?
  - 2. How has your time with God, in the Word, and in prayer been this past week?
  - 3. What personal spiritual struggle(s), are you facing and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)
  - 4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?
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#### Announcements

#### *Need Help*

We are looking for help with the Small Group Kiosk. If you are in a Small Group and are currently not serving we could use your help and service. For more information reach out to Josh Rhoads at [jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co](mailto:jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co) Thanks for your help.

