

## Parable of the Wheat and Weeds

Matt 13:24-30

### Intro

- Kingdom Come
- The Kingdom of Heaven is like
- Discovery Bible Study is a way of reading the Bible in community
- We ask 4 questions...
- **Matthew 13:24-30 NLT [24]** Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. [25] But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. [26] When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. [27] "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?' [28] "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. "'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. [29] "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

### The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

- There is a Kingdom and a King
- Represented here in the farmer and the field
- Farmer = the King
- Fields = His Kingdom
- **Matthew 13:36a-37 NLT [36a]** His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field." [37] Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.
- The King is Jesus...
- Col 1:15-19
- The King sows His seed into our heart
- The seed of the Kingdom is scattered in our hearts and we are called to bear fruit
- The goodness of the Kingdom is shown by its fruit
- Fruit of the Spirit
- **Galatians 5:22-23 NLT [22]** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!
- By the way we love one another
- **John 13:35 NLT [35]** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
- There is a Kingdom that has a King
- There is also an enemy
- A very real enemy who will sow his weeds

- **Matthew 13:27-28,39b NLT [27]** "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?' [28] "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. "'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. [39] The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil.
- Seeds of discontent
- Seeds of anger
- Seeds of bitterness and unforgiveness
- Seeds of lust
- Seed of Gossip
- These weeds grow alongside the good seed
- This demonstrates another key to the Kingdom of Heaven is like...
- The Kingdom of Heaven is now and not yet
- There are times we pray for people and people get healed, there are times when they don't
- There are times we pray for provision and we see provision, there are times when we don't
- There are times we pray for intervention into political situations and we see breakthrough, there are times when we don't
- The Kingdom of Heaven hasn't yet come in its fullness
- House analogy
- While we are in this season of waiting we see the Wheat and the Weeds grow together.
- **Matthew 13:30a NLT [30]** Let both grow together until the harvest.
- There is a Kingdom that is now and not yet has a King and a very real enemy

### **What does the passage say about people?**

- We are the wheat in the story
- We are the people of the Kingdom
- **Matthew 13:38 NLT [38]** The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom.
- Jesus plants the seed of the Kingdom in our lives
- The seed in our life needs nurturing
- How do we nurture our seed
  - Reading the Bible
  - Prayer
  - Community
  - Giving
- The best way to do it is by getting regular rhythms
- Story of me pouring water on plants
- Best way to nurture plants is to give them water daily, to feed them every day, not wait until they've wilted and pour water onto them
- Are you feeding the grain in your life?

- Or are you waiting until you've wilted a bit and then going radical for a few weeks then wilting again?
- Have you wilted up and dried up?
- When we are standing to our full height, like good grain in the fields the weeds look less and less attractive
- There is a Kingdom that is now and not yet has a King and a very real enemy
- We need to nurture and water the seed of the Kingdom in our lives

## How do we obey?

- We are part of a field of wheat
- **Matthew 13:38 NLT [38] The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom.**
- We are not individual pieces of wheat
- We make up a field of wheat
- A field of people of the Kingdom
- We are in this together
- We need each other
- The King calls us to come alongside people and help people on their journey
- *Those who oppose must not be cut off, but instructed - Matthew Henry Commentary*
- We are called to make disciples
- We are called to come alongside those weeds and instruct them and show them a better way to live
- **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT [18] Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. [19] Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**
- There is a day coming when the wheat and weeds will be separated
- **Matthew 13:30,39 NLT [30] Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'" [39] The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.**
- That is a very real day and a very real reality
- It's an uncomfortable reality
- Jesus is coming back!
- Jesus is the returning King
- **Matthew 13:41-43 NLT [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. [42] And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!**
- We have time and a unique opportunity to make disciples
- You have an opportunity in your streets, and community to make disciples and save people from this day that Jesus speaks of

- How do we obey? Make disciples
- Jesus tells us here that the eternal destiny of your neighbours
- The eternal destiny of your friends and family
- The eternal destiny of your work colleagues depend on us making disciples!

## **Summary**

- There is a Kingdom that is now and not yet has a King and a very real enemy
- We are the people of the Kingdom, we are responsible for watering the seed of the Kingdom in our lives
- We obey Jesus by doing what He tells us and He tells us to make disciples