

Sermon Guide



"The Parable of the Weeds" **May 15, 2022**

"24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 "No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Matthew 13:24-43

In this Sunday's teaching, Greg spoke of how the parable of the weeds begins to detail the actions of an enemy against the Kingdom of God. If you weren't in the room, it's worth noting that this teaching was weighty, and the room was hushed as Jesus' words caused all of us to look inward.

- 1. Verses 26-30 Speak of how there's no way to distinguish weed from wheat until the weed grows up.** Do you believe that there are those among us whose purpose is to resist the Gospel? Why would God allow bad seed to be sown among good seed?
- 2. Read verses 31-33.** How does the mustard seed of the Gospel in you grow to be something large in the Kingdom?
- 3. Read verses 37-40.** This passage talks about weeds being allowed to stay so that the wheat can grow to fullness. In this time, what is God allowing to stay so that our faith can be proven genuine? How is God revealing your faith to be genuine?
- 4. Do you live with the certainty of God's judgment of evil in the world, the church, and in you?**
- 5. We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to? As you look at the world this week, remind yourself that we are called to reflect God's mercy in the world. How might you be led to this?