

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
*For the Week of July 9, 2023*

**Sermon Information:**

Wheat, Weeds, and Separation  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50

The kingdom in the world.

The work of the enemy.

The need for patient faithfulness.

The eventual separation.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Many people seem to think that being a Christian is just about going to heaven when you die. How does this way of thinking differ from the mission of God?
2. What are some values from the kingdom of the world that can easily creep into the lives of Jesus' followers? How can we keep our focus on the realities of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of the world as we live our daily lives?
3. We as Christians must not be condemn or judge in an ungracious way (Matt. 7:1-5), but we also must be discerning. What are some ways that we can discern the difference between wheat and weeds without being condemning?
4. When you hear the phrase "patient faithfulness," what comes to mind? Is there someone that you think of? What does it look like for you to live out this phrase this week?
5. Read Matthew 13:41-43, 49-50. Many unbelievers (and even some Christians) in our culture find the idea of an eternal hell to be unbelievable and/or appalling. What are some ways that we could speak about hell/judgment that might help them to consider embracing the Bible's teaching on this topic?