

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

Understanding How God Deals with Religious Deception

- 1. The Mystery Given (vv. 24–30)*
- 2. The Mystery Revealed (vv. 36–43)*

1. Parables are a great teaching tool for learning how to study the scriptures. What are some ways we can misinterpret scripture when considering parables? What are some ways we can misinterpret other types of scripture?
2. One of the main issues that comes out of a passage like this is defining the source of truth. What are false sources of truth? What are true sources of truth? How can you distinguish between the two?
3. There are many ways the devil sows deceit in this world to keep people from following after Christ. What are some appropriate responses to combatting the lies being spread?



4. The undeniable truth from this passage is that judgment is going to happen. And as sure as the farmer will not keep false wheat you can be sure that the Son of Man will not keep the sons of the evil one. Why would some call Jesus unfair to judge in this manner? Why are they wrong?

5. The devil lies and deceives as he is the father of lies (John 8:43–44). He lies about there being no judgment, or that judgment isn't all that bad, or that you can get out of judgment even after you die. In contrast Jesus tells the truth because He is truth (John 1:1, 17:17). He tells us there will be a judgment, the judgment is horrifically awful, and that judgment is permanent and unalterable. Whom do you believe? How can you identify whom you believe? Whom will you tell others to believe? How can you help them identify whom they believe?