



FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33,44-50

SESSION SUMMARY

In this week's session, Matthew tackles a complex topic: the kingdom of God. Our next session will cover how we respond to the reality of the kingdom of God, but this week we look at a few parables Jesus used to describe the nature of God's kingdom. Here are the key takeaways:

- The growth of the kingdom (Matthew 13:31-33)
- The value of the kingdom (Matthew 13:44-46)
- The purity of the kingdom (Matthew 13:47-50)

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When have you been tempted to think you were too small or insignificant for God to use?
- How can it encourage us to know God used unexpected, unpopular, and unknown people to further His kingdom?
- Why might it be difficult for you to see the value of God's kingdom in your daily life?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Review the idea that hell is a reality—people who don't know God will end up there for eternity. Allow each person to share how many people they know who may not know God. Discuss whether or not they've told those people about Jesus; if they haven't, discuss what's holding them back and what they can do to change it. Jesus sacrificed His life to save us. Sometimes we make sacrifices for others to know Him too—whether it's our physical comfort, social acceptance, popularity, or others' opinions of us. Talk about what God might be calling each of you to sacrifice to bring the people you mentioned to knowledge of Him.