



Sermon Discussion Questions - August 28 & 30, 2026
Matthew Part 3: Week 17
Matthew 13:1-23

Ice Breaker: *God has wired each of us to enjoy discovering new things.*

- **Q1:** Can you think of a time when you felt genuine joy because you discovered or learned something new? What made it so meaningful?

Read Matthew 13:1-23 together. Followers of Jesus delight in discovering the truths of God's kingdom.

- **Q2:** What is something new that God has been teaching you about Himself or His kingdom lately? How has that discovery impacted you and your faith?
- **Q3:** What is something about God or His kingdom that you're still curious about or would love to understand better?

Many people hear the message of Jesus, but they respond to it in very different ways.

- **Q4:** As you've shared the gospel or talked with others about your faith, what are some different responses you've experienced?

- **Q5: How does it encourage you to remember that the power of the gospel doesn't depend on being the perfect messenger, but ultimately on the condition of a person's heart?**

While many people will reject the truth of the gospel, others will receive it and bear good fruit.

- **Q6: How are you currently responding to God's work in your life? Are you making room for Him to produce fruit—like good soil—or are distractions, worries, or other priorities beginning to “choke” it out?**

Jesus says that good soil produces different amounts of fruit—some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some a hundredfold—but all three are considered good soil.

- **Q7: How does this encourage you to focus on being faithful right where God has placed you rather than comparing yourself to others or striving for something more visible?**

Our prayer after this week's message is that God would continue to make us “good ground”!

- **Q8: As you think about this week's message, where do you most want to see God cultivate greater fruitfulness in your life? What could it look like to cooperate with Him in that this week?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!