

GROUP QUESTIONS: Parables with Pastor Mindy

1. What is a day in your life that you would like to relive?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Mindy said that we can learn things about life from nature. She connected the idea of the leaves dying in a way that brings us beauty and joy to the idea that maybe we don't need to fear death. Maybe creation is telling us we don't need to fear the death of things whose time has come to a close. What does this bring to mind for you? Do you agree that we might find lessons about life in nature/creation? Have you ever "learned a lesson about life" from spending time in nature?
4. Pastor Mindy said that growth happens for a while where no one sees it. Referencing the parable found in Mt. 13:24-30. Does it encourage you to think that growth can be happening even when things don't seem to be changing? If we believe this to be true how might we encourage each other to continue in hope?
5. Pastor Mindy said that growth involves a tension between good and bad. The wheat and the tares growing up together - entwined, pushing/pulling, at times overpowering each other. She suggested that this growth with the wheat and tares growing up together illustrates the way growth happens within us. Do you recognize this reality in your own struggles or in the struggles in the world - a tension/battle between the good and the not so good?

6. In the parable we see that at harvest time the wheat remains and the weeds are destroyed. What do you think about the idea that this parable shows us that the world will not sustain evil long term? How might this give us hope?