

Weeds Among the Wheat

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 46-50

Sermon Discussion Questions

May 21, 2023

1. Consider this question as you work through the sermon, “Why do you think God allows ungodly people to be among us?”
2. What questions did this parable raise for you? Where did the sermon provide insight? Where can your group provide further wisdom or insight? What frustrations or tensions still exist within your heart after hearing this message? Where do you need to seek God in prayer for more wisdom from the Holy Spirit to understand? Where is God asking you to trust his character and his good design despite the questions you might have?
3. Why is it so hard at times for us to see the big picture? What forces do we have moving us away from thinking about the universal church as one whole body? If we can have a goal towards unity, how can this better equip us to suffer “weeds” for the sake of others?
4. Are you in the midst of a season of suffering on account of someone in the church right now? How has growth come from this or how might you come out of it as a stronger believer? How can God use this experience to encourage others? Calvary Care can come alongside and help with healing. Reach out if you want to talk more.
5. Have you been a “weed” before? How has the Lord moved you away from that?
6. Are you a “weed”? Do you have any “weed”-like tendencies, are you divisive, unkind, or impatient with others? How does this sermon call you to change?
7. How does knowing there are “weeds” within the church change your perspective on how to enact the calling of being a church family? Do you feel more of a burden to hold each other accountable in truth and love? Do you less often assume that all professing Christians know the gospel and have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do you understand the importance of Church discipline a little bit more?
8. How do you react to the idea that some “weeds” may become “wheat”? God’s forbearance is so great that he is willing to potentially endure many years of “weed” behavior before someone becomes “wheat” within the church many years. Where do you need to, like Colossians 3:13 says: “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you”? Or Ephesians 4:2 says: “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love”? Who needs to experience your patience and mercy instead of your judgment and vengeance?
9. Considering all you have heard, why do you think God allows ungodly people to be among us?