

Godly Living In A Godless World

The Passage

Matthew 13:24-43

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Ephesians 2:1-3

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Not to make **NON-CHRISTIANS** live like a **CHRISTIAN**.

1 Peter 2:11-12 / 1 Peter 3:15 / Matthew 7:12

3. The Bible is supposed to be our **MIRROR**, not our **BINOCULARS**.

James 1:22-25 / Matthew 7:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

4. Without **CONTACT** we can't have **IMPACT**.

1 Corinthians 5:9-10

2. The Parable About A Tiny Seed

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3. The Parable About Yeast

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

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WARM UP



1. Jesus spoke in parables, which were stories that taught a truth about God. What was your favorite story to read or listen to as a child or youth? Why did you love it so much?

2. The parables talked about everyday occurrences as examples of God working in the world. Are you more of a garden person, a baking person, or a "buy it at the store" person?

3. What has stuck with you the most from this week's sermon— a phrase, image, or idea? Why do you think that stood out?

KNOW IT



Parables were intended to encourage Jesus' listeners to lean in and dig more. Let's do just that! Re-read Matthew 13:24-43 together and answer the questions below.

1. Jesus gave us several analogies for what the kingdom of heaven is like. Come up with your own modern-day analogy for the kingdom and explain it to your group. How does it represent what following Jesus is like?

2. Jesus says that God will direct the angels to do the weeding, not us. Why is it important that God is the one who ultimately separates weeds from wheat? Even so, why is it often difficult for us to leave the weeding to God?

SHARE IT

1. The parable of the mustard seed shows how God uses little things to accomplish great things. In your own life, can you think of something you thought was small, ordinary, or inconsequential that God used to have a huge impact on your life?

2. Sometimes we can write off people as "weeds" when God is not done working in their lives before the harvest truly comes. Have you ever been surprised that someone you knew became a Christian because they once looked like a weed? What did it teach you?

LIVE IT

1. These parables were Jesus' way of teaching us about God's kingdom on earth. Imagine you were having coffee with a friend and they asked, "What does kingdom living look like?" What would you tell them to do to live like a citizen of God's kingdom?

2. Larry mentioned three things to take away from this weekend's passage. Which of those resonates most with you in your current season of life, and why?