

Friday, July 24, 2020

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



Human nature tends to define who we are by whether we are *in* or *out* of a particular group. We can observe this behavior within the context of our jobs, our clubs, our churches, and in other organizations that define us.

In the setting of the local church how are we identified with others? What does Matthew 13 teach us about who is *in* and who is *out*? Are you *in* or *out*?

Handwriting lines for reflection on Friday, July 24, 2020.

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Life Application and Challenge



Jesus teaches us to be patient with persons doing evil in our midst, as we are not the judges of them or of their behavior. He also instructs us that this is not about conflict avoidance, but it is about waiting for God's *real* harvest.

Is there someone in your life—*someone you would like to remove from your life right now*—who is doing evil? How are you dealing with that person?

Handwriting lines for reflection on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

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DIGGING DOWN DEEPER IN DAILY DEVOTIONS

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.—Matthew 7:13-14—NIV

“How Might We Grow with the Weeds?”

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The week of July 19, 2020

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.
Matthew 13:23—NIV

What teaching points, lifestyle questions, and biblical learnings can I take away from the sermon and apply to my own life today?

Handwriting lines for reflection on 'How Might We Grow with the Weeds?' with a background image of a cowboy on a horse.

We are on this journey together. There is no need to travel it alone...

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MY DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our church: that we will continue to grow in our faith, so that we will choke out the evil in the world.

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MY PRAYER JOURNAL
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 20, 2020

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



The tares in our lesson are really a weed named *bearded darnel*. This toxic weed's roots wrap around and grow with the roots of the wheat, and bearded darnel is indistinguishable from the wheat until it bears fruit.

Whom do you know in your life or in the life of your church, who might not be bearing fruit, but who *seem* to be like everyone else?

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Isaiah 44:6-8



In this passage Isaiah, the prophet, teaches that the reason for the downfall of the people Israel is that they wanted to be *self-sufficient* and *self-reliant*, and that they did *not* trust God to meet their needs as God had promised.

What is the most important lesson we can learn from this passage? How can these words of Isaiah give us hope in times of need? Explain.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Psalm 86:11-17



As we read this passage from Psalm 86 we encounter a writing referred to as the *personal lament*. There is a life in danger. In this model for prayer we have an assertion of faith in God, who is named here.

How can you assert your faith in God as you go through the hardships of your life? How does this lament help you shape your prayers?

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Romans 8:12-25



In this passage from Paul's letter to the Romans we learn that as followers of Jesus Christ we are not the same as we were before becoming Christians.

But, who are we now, and what have we become? How do you explain the *adoption process* for those persons, who choose to profess Jesus Christ? How do these persons become part of the family of God?
