

The WEEDS of LIFE

Who is truly a Christian and who is just going through the motions? Who are the false teachers? How do I make sure that I am on the right side when I am judged by God? The Church needs to discern these questions more than ever in today's world. Jesus teaches a parable about how we should approach these questions. There are four main principles we can take from this parable:

It's difficult to distinguish between
_____ believers and _____.

Be merciless to _____,
but merciful to every " _____ " Christian.

Be _____ and wait for the _____
of God.

Genuine believers will be rewarded by being MERCIFUL and PATIENT:

Your _____ will someday _____ like the _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. Do you have a “leech weed” in your life? Is there someone who sucks the life out of you whenever you are around them? Does their critical attitude and complaining spirit tear you down? Is it time to pull the weed for your own health?

Digging Deeper

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8. God will pay back those who trouble you. This will happen when Jesus is revealed from heaven. In your prayer time, can you trust God that He will deal with those who've hurt you and others around you?
3. Study Romans 9:22-23; 1 Peter 1:3; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:13, 16; 2 Corinthians 4:1. Discuss how the mercy of God is what draws us to His glory. Did God's mercy shown to you in the form of compassion compel you to follow Him?
4. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Compare the “sheep and the goats” with the parable of the “wheat and weeds” sermon. God tells us to be patient until the end, waiting for Him to separate the righteous from the wicked. How do we make sure that we are on the right side when judgement comes?

Applying the Word to Life

5. Is there someone in your life you need to show mercy to and be patient for the Lord's justice? What will you do this week to show God that you are not just focused upon trying to find out who deserves to be saved and who deserves hell?
6. Which weed in your life needs to be pulled? Have you allowed a weed to grow in your own life and it is destroying something that was once beautiful? How will you pull the weed?