



Text: Matthew 13

Topic: Kingdom, Parables

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus' parables tell of a kingdom that, despite being unrecognized and rejected by some, is already accomplishing its purpose in the world, and it will one day be gloriously consummated, resulting in eternal judgment for those who reject the gospel and eternal life for those who genuinely trust in Christ and treasure His reward.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How would you sum up the parable of the Sower in one or two sentences?
How might the parable of the Sower help us avoid being manipulative in our preaching, teaching, and evangelizing?
3. What are some signs that the cares and riches of the world are choking out saving faith as the Bible describes it?
4. How is persevering faith different from works-righteousness?
5. What encouragement might come to persecuted believers from the parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast?
6. How could you use the parables of the Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price to respond to someone who said, "I want to follow Jesus, but I don't want to make drastic changes in my life"?
7. What wrong conceptions of the kingdom has Matthew 13 corrected for you?