

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following questions are for discussion in your small group. As disciples, our goal is to obey the Word, not just listen to it preached (James 1:22). Therefore, the questions lean towards application of the biblical teaching we get during the sermon. We hope you are able to consider and answer these questions prior to your group meeting time. These questions may also be good for family discussion times.

1. What did you think about the placement of the sermon outline on the back of the bulletin? How is that placement symbolic of the passage this week?
2. After hearing the sermon, was there something new or surprising to you? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-44 and answer the following review questions:
 - A) What is the field? Who owns it?
 - B) Who are the sowers?
 - C) What are the two seeds?
 - D) What was the purpose of each seed (Matt 13:26, 41)?
 - E) In one or two sentences, what would you say the central theme of this passage is?
4. Who specifically are the “sons of the evil one” (see Matt 13:38, Acts 13:6-10)?
5. Why does He instruct His workers not to pull the weeds? What would be some implications for us?
6. How does this parable help answer the questions: Is the world getting better or worse? Why does the Lord allow so much evil in the world?
7. Read Matthew 11:11. How is it possible that those who are sons of the kingdom are greater than John the Baptist? (2 Cor. 4:6; 5:21; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 2:6; Col. 1:27)
8. Read Matthew 13:43. What enables us to shine (2 Corinthians 4:6)?
9. What are some of the circles in which the Lord of the Harvest has planted you? Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-7. What can you do to be influential and fruitful?

FROM SEED TO SHINING SEED

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- I. Until the end of the **age**, two **crops** will grow in the **field**.
- Matt 12:14-15,24,38, 46;13:1;
Isa 9:6-7; 11:1-5
- A. There is one **field**, and it's **His**.
- John 3:16; Ex 19:5;
Deut 7:6; 14:2; 26:18;
Ps 135:4; I John 2:2
- B. Two **sowers** work the field: the **Son of Man** and the **devil**.
- Dan 7:13-14
- C. They **sow** different **seeds**.
- Luke 8:11; Acts 13:6-10;
Matt 7:15; Acts 20:29-30;
II Pet 2:1f; II Cor 11:13-15
- II. The good **sower** has a **strategy**.
- A. He will **sow** the sons of **light** in His **field**.
- Matt 28:18-20; Col 1:3-8;
Acts 16:7-10; I Cor 12:4-6;
I Pet 1:1-2
- B. He commands, "Don't try to **pull** the **weeds**".
- III. We, believer/disciples, are the **sons of light**.
- Matt 11:11; II Cor 4:6; 5:21;
Gal 3:26-27; Eph 2:6; Col. 1:27
- A. He has **placed** us **strategically**.
- I Cor 7:17
- B. He wants us to **sow** the **good seed** where He has **planted** us.
- I Cor 3:5-7
- C. He wants us to **shine**.
- Matt 17:1-2; Dan 12:3

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