

## The Parable of the Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30

**Topics:** Appearance, Danger, Enemies, Fruit, Hell, Image, Judging Others, Judgment, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Life-style, Lost, Majority, People, Punishment, Satan, Unbelievers

### Open It

1. What kind of gardening have you done?
2. What is your least favorite type of yard work? Why?
- \* 3. Why do people dislike weeds?

### Explore It

4. What did Jesus use to communicate His point? (13:24)
5. What was Jesus talking about in this passage? (13:24)
6. To what did Jesus compare His topic? (13:24)
7. In the Parable of the Weeds, what happened while the farmer slept? (13:25)
8. What appeared in the farmer's field besides the wheat he had planted? (13:26)
9. How did the owner's servants react when they found weeds in the field? (13:27)
10. How did the owner reply to his servants? (13:28)
- \* 11. What did the servants volunteer to do for the owner of the field? (13:28)
- \* 12. On what grounds did the owner turn down the servant's suggestion? (13:29)
- \* 13. What plan of action did the owner choose? (13:30)

### Get It

14. How would you respond if you tried to get a Bible study going and a group of non-Christians showed up to give you a hard time?
15. What are some ways Christians blend in with non-Christians?
16. What do you think about Christians who try to isolate themselves completely from non-Christians?
17. What opportunities do you have by living among all different kinds of people?
- \* 18. In what ways does Satan try to mess up God's plan and your part in that plan?
19. What dangers lie in trying to label people as either "weeds" or "wheat" (non-Christians or Christians)?
20. Whose responsibility is it to label the weeds and deal with them?
- \* 21. Under what circumstances are you to live for Christ?

### Apply It

- \* 22. In what ways do you need to alter your life-style (either attitude or action) today in order to be more like wheat and less like a weed?
23. Whom do you need to judge and label less today?
24. For what non-Christian coworkers, neighbors, and friends will you pray this week?