Small Group Questions | February 25th, 2018

Kingdom Stories - The Good Seed and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Sermon Recap: Claude preached on the parable of the wheat and the weeds saying that Jesus does not want us to be confused about him or his purposes. The parable reveals that **two kingdoms exist side by side**, Jesus orders a **delay in sorting it out**, but that a **definite division is coming.** Claude said we are called to serve Jesus and share the Gospel while trusting that His kingdom will ultimately triumph despite what we may see around us.

Hook: These questions can help encourage conversation.

1. What confusion do you feel when you see evil in the world?

Look: Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.

- 2. Why does the Master tell the servants not to pull up the weeds? What is accomplished in waiting?
- 3. When is the harvest coming? What do we do while we wait for the harvest?
- 4. How has the Church attempted to either rule over culture or withdraw from it? How should we as the Church live in the truth of this parable?

Took: Applying the message to our lives.

- 5. How does the truth of the definite division (i.e. Judgement Day) move you to act?
- 6. How can you reflect Christ when confronted with the poison of our culture?
- 7. Jesus delays the harvest in order that we might mature and bear fruit. How is God calling you to grow right now? If uncertain, what is one way you will explore what He wants you to do?

Prayer/Verse:

Reflect on your reality. Are you a wheat or a weed to those around you? Take some time to pray that God would open your eyes and ears to see and hear how he might want you to grow.