

For the week of August 25, 2024

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Seek. Receive. Invite.

Eighth week in the series: The Parables of Jesus

Matthew 13:44-50

Within three short parables, Jesus communicates a deep message about the value of his kingdom and what it takes to be a part of it. These stories challenge us to take stock of our lives and notice what we really value. They also caution us against judging too quickly and inspire us to invite others into the kingdom of God. In the end, our response to the kingdom is simple: seek, receive, and invite.

Discussion Questions:

1. If someone looked at your credit card, what would they conclude about your values?
2. If someone looked at your calendar, what would they conclude about your values?
3. What is your emotional response to the parable of the net?
4. Who do you know who isn't experiencing the kingdom of God?
5. How do you reconcile the theme of God's judgment with his goodness?