

the parable of the weeds.

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

KINGDOM FARMING TIMELINE

SEASON OF PLANTING

SEASON OF GROWING

SEASON OF HARVESTING

SEASON OF GLORY



to the point.

I. There is a wicked enemy _____ but also a good Farmer watching.

"He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' ... 'The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.'" vv. 24-28a

"For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:43-48

II. It hurts the kingdom when we _____ and _____ weeds on our timeline.

"So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest ...'" vv. 28b-30a

A. The wheat's role is to be faithful to the Sower and fruitful for the kingdom.

III. There will be a time when weeds and wheat are no longer _____.

"Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' ... Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age." vv. 30, 41-43

- sower** • Jesus
- field** • the world
- wheat** • sons of the kingdom
- weeds** • sons of the evil one
- enemy** • the devil
- reapers** • angels

to the point.

Just be wheat:

- Fix your eyes on the Son. *Live prospectively for the good King.*
- Plant your roots deeper where you are. *Live faithfully among the weeds.*
- Set your mind upon the harvest. *Live hopefully for the harvest.*

to the point.

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36.43. How does someone know if they are wheat or a weed?

2. What does it look like for weeds and wheat to grow in the same soil together? What can the wheat expect from the weeds?

3. Why does Jesus instruct us not to pull out the weeds? How does it hurt the kingdom when we do?

4. In what ways have you been tempted, or even tried, to pluck out weeds yourself? What perspective has this sermon given you on that practice?

5. Everyone started as a weed, and God is in the business of making them into wheat. What comfort do you receive knowing that the Sower is watching over the soil and is aware of both the wheat and the weeds?

6. What has this sermon encouraged you to do about the weeds around you during this growing season? What does it look like, practically, to live alongside but not to compromise?

“There is indeed grave danger in judging other people. It is the easiest thing in the world to judge completely wrongly. ... The result is that we cannot do other than leave the judgments to God. Dr. Samuel Johnson said, ‘God Himself does not propose to judge a man until his life is over. So why should you and I?’ To God only are known all the facts and God only can be the judge.”

William Barclay

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!



CELEBRATE SENIOR SUNDAY WITH US! Scan the QR code to see Christ Chapel's 2021 high school seniors and find out what they're doing next.

WOMEN IN THE WORD STARTS THIS WEEK!

This Thursday, May 27, join the women of Christ Chapel at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room for a five-week Bible study in the book of Judges. Summer Women in the Word is all about in-person community that's casual and friendly as you learn and talk about some everyday people God raised up as leaders. Through them He showed His power, faithfulness and mercy, and we think you'll leave every week encouraged by His amazing grace to you, too. Learn more and sign up for Women in the Word's "Amazing Grace" at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

SIGN UP FOR "FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET."

Starting Thursday, June 3 is a new Soul Care group for women called "Forgiving What You Can't Forget." If you're in a situation where forgiveness feels impossible or pointless, or if you're holding back because you're wondering if forgiveness means you'll have to be in a relationship again with someone who's caused you pain, come join us. This group will give you the space to ask those questions, share your doubts and consider how a biblical perspective of forgiveness might bring you peace. Learn more and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

EXPERIENCE MORE OF CHRIST CHAPEL AT CONNECTING POINT THIS JUNE!

If you're new-ish to Christ Chapel, Connecting Point is the perfect place to start putting roots down and learn more about how we're here to help you grow in your faith. Plus, you'll get to know other people new to Christ Chapel as well. Learn more about the three-week experience starting Sunday, June 6 at 9 a.m., at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT STAYING IN TOWN FOR THE SUMMER?

To stay in the loop on Bible studies, meet-ups and other ways to connect with Christ Chapel College this summer, follow [@christchapelcollege](https://www.instagram.com/christchapelcollege) on Instagram.

RENOVATE IS HANGING OUT ALL SUMMER.

For the latest on where you can find the young adult community of Renovate meeting up for Memorial Day weekend (and every week after), follow [@renovateftw](https://www.instagram.com/renovateftw) on Instagram or visit www.renovateftw.org right now.

PARTNER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS.

It's not too late to join the team! Will you help us make room for all the families worshipping at Christ Chapel by serving an hour in Children's Ministry? Email us at children@christchapelbc.org to get started.



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