

Small Group Study Guide, Week of June 28, 2026

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43, "Wheat and Tares," Pastor Mike Andrus

Ice Breaker: Among your family and friends, who likes to play pranks? Any prank that stands out?

Dig:

1. Look first at Jesus' explanation of this parable in Matthew 13:36-43, and identify who or what each of the following represents: a) the sower, b) the field, c) the good seed, d) the weeds, e) the enemy, f) the harvest, g) the harvesters? Now go back to the original parable in 13:24-30, and read it, substituting who or what each group represents. What new insights do you gain?
2. When will the enemy no longer be able to infiltrate the righteous? What will be involved in the purge?
3. Why does this parable so puzzle the disciples? What do you find hard to a) understand or b) accept in this parable? Why?

Apply:

4. In what ways do the people of the Kingdom and the people of the evil one co-exist today? How do they affect each other? What is most difficult about that for you? Why? How is God calling you to respond?

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