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“He who has ears to hear let him hear.” ~Matthew 13:43

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- 1) Read Matthew 13:24-43. Is there anything from the sermon or passage that you found confusing, surprising, or offensive?
- 2) What is the mystery Jesus is revealing in the parable of the weeds? Describe the teaching in your own words. How does the idea that Christians are the true ‘seed’ of Abraham fill in your understanding of the parable? (See John 8:39-47 for more help.)
- 3) Jesus says that he permits (forgives) the presence of the weeds for the sake of the seeds (vs. 29). What is he trying to teach you?
- 4) Where are you tempted to pull weeds in your life?
- 5) This parable is an example of the left-handed power of the gospel. It’s surprising. As one commentator said, “It is intervention that often appears like non-intervention.” How are you more comfortable with right-handed power (e.g. weed pulling)? What is this telling you about God’s character?
- 6) Take time to pray that God would use His Spirit and your circumstances to bear the fruit of patience, perseverance and love as we live with and pray for the weeds.