

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 13:24-43

(October 1, 2025)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. How can we discern between the 'wheat' and the 'weeds' in our own lives and communities?
2. What are some practical ways to nurture spiritual growth while being mindful of negative influences?
3. Jesus used parables to convey deep spiritual truths. How might this method of teaching be relevant or effective in sharing the gospel today?
4. The parable suggests that good and evil coexist until the final judgment. How does this impact our understanding of God's justice and patience?
5. In what ways might the growth of the mustard seed parallel the growth of faith in an individual's life or in the church as a whole?
6. How does the imagery of leaven spreading through dough relate to the spread of the Gospel message?
7. What implications does this have for evangelism?
8. The parable speaks of an enemy sowing weeds among the wheat. How can we guard against spiritual deception or false teachings in our faith communities?
9. Jesus explains that angels will be the reapers at the end of the age. How does this supernatural element affect our view of final judgment and God's plan?
10. The passage mentions that the righteous will 'shine like the sun' in God's kingdom. What does this imagery suggest about the nature of eternal life with God?
11. How might the warning of 'weeping and gnashing of teeth' for those thrown into the fiery furnace influence our approach to sharing the gospel with others?
12. Jesus concludes with 'He who has ears, let him hear.' What does this phrase imply about personal responsibility in responding to spiritual truths?