

Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Review questions

1. What is a parable?
A true-to-life short story designed to teach a spiritual truth.
2. Why did Jesus teach in parables?
He wanted people to learn to listen with their spiritual ears; with their hearts.
3. Where is the kingdom of God?
Right here among us. We join God's kingdom when we trust in Jesus.
4. Who does the farmer represent in this story? (V. 37)
The Son of Man; the Lord.
5. What does the field represent? (V. 38)
The world.
6. What do the good seeds stand for? (V. 38)
True believers; the people of the Kingdom of God.
7. What do the weeds represent in this story? (V. 38)
Unbelievers; those who offend the Lord and practice lawlessness.
8. What does this tell you about the kingdom of God?
There are true believers and there are "fake" believers and it's hard to tell the difference. True believers produce "fruit" while the others can bring spiritual death to people by their false teachings about God.
9. Who was the enemy who sowed the weeds into the field, or world? (V. 39)
The devil.
10. When did the enemy sow the weeds in among the wheat? (V. 25)
While men slept.
11. What spiritual lesson can you learn from this fact?
If you are spiritually asleep, people who look just like Christians can come into your life.
12. What does it mean to be spiritually asleep?
To be ignorant of the Word of God, the truth about the Kingdom of God.

13. What happens when unbelievers are allowed to thrive in our churches?
False teachers can lead people to believe lies about God's kingdom.
14. What did the weeds do in last week's parable?
They choked out the truth about God.
15. Why didn't the farmer want the workers to pick the weeds? (V. 28-29)
Only God can judge a man's heart rightly.
16. Why did the farmer want to wait to separate the wheat from the weeds until everything was gathered in at the harvest time?
He wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to the truth about Him.
17. What is the harvest? (V. 39)
The end of the age; when Jesus comes back.
18. Who are the harvesters? (V. 39)
Angels
19. At the end of the age, what do the harvesters do with the weeds, the "good seed look-a-likes"? (V. 40)
They are gathered and burned in the fire.
20. What's it like in the furnace of fire where the weeds get thrown? (V. 42)
There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
21. What happens to the good seed; the true believers? (V. 43)
They will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom Father.
22. What are the spiritual lessons we can learn from this parable?
1. Some people who look like true believers may not be.
 2. Only good seed produces good fruit in their lives.
 3. It's not up to us to judge other people's hearts, God will do that.