

Weeds, Wheat and Fish

Week 29 ~ Notes for October 2nd

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Background

Subject	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Parables of Jesus (3)				
- Wheat and weeds	13:24-30, 13:36-43			
- Nets	13:47-50			

Discussion

From Mike Lewis' notes last week - parables are "a sword to stab people's minds awake".

Read the passages Matt 13:24-30, 13:36-42, and Matt 13:47-50

- What do they say to you?
- Where were you stabbed?

What is the point of the 'wheat and weeds' story? Why do you think Jesus waits until he and the disciples are in the house before explaining it? Or why did the disciples wait until they were in the house before asking? What is their concern? Note the absence of any reference to 'wheat' in the 13:36-42 section. Is that significant?

So how should we deal with 'sons of the evil one' (v.38) in the church? How could you go about instructing your local church board!

And... what then is the main point of the 'net' parable? (Matt 13:47-50)

See what you can find out by the terms "Bounded and Centred sets". This idea was originally proposed around 25 years ago by [Paul Hiebert](#), in relation to a new way of understanding social groupings. Hiebert wrote about this in his book, "[Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues](#)".

Discuss the implications!

Finally, a quote from Henri Nouwen to chew on...

Compassion can never coexist with judgment because judgment creates the distance, the distinction, that prevents us from really being with the other.