

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 21st June 2015

Going deeper

In Matthew 13, we have a number of parables of Jesus that tell us what 'the Kingdom of Heaven is like.' These simple stories, both hide and reveal great truths. Unless you engage with them in the light of Christ, their message remains a mystery (Matthew 13:14-15), but when you think about them in the light of what Jesus was doing they reveal their treasures (Matthew 13:34-35).

Read Matthew 13:31-35; 44-46

5. How are the first two parables similar (vs. 31-33)? What is the key message they are trying to teach?
6. How does the message of the first two parables encourage us to be a part of God's kingdom?
7. Verse 35 quotes Psalm 78:2. Look up Psalm 78:1-4. What is exciting about the teaching? What is the Psalmist determined to do?
8. How are the second two parables similar (vs. 44-46)? What is the key message they are trying to teach?
9. What response to God's kingdom are these parables trying to encourage? Why does that not always match people's response?

Now turn over and do 'Applying it to our lives'.

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Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

This week is the third on our series on Colossians and the importance of being 'rooted in Christ.' We are asking the question: "What are we working for?"



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

