



Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller

Sunday, January 21, 2018

### **Lesson: The Weeds**

#### **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

While not a “series” in the technical sense since we’ll discuss this off and on throughout the year, today we start “Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller” which is a study of the parables of Jesus. Our study begins with the parable known as “The Sower.”

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

Weeds are highly annoying. In your opinion, what is the most annoying thing people can do that just drives you crazy?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Read over Matthew 13:24-30.
2. Who is represented by:
  - a. The man who sowed good seed?
  - b. The enemy who sowed weeds?
  - c. The field?
  - d. The good seed? The weeds?
  - e. The harvest?
3. Why did the enemy plant weeds in the field?
4. In the parable, what do the servants ask about how they should handle the weeds?
5. How did the master reply and why?
6. As children of God - do you think God makes us live alongside those who are “weeds?” Can any good come of it?
7. At the time of the harvest, how are the weeds and the wheat dealt with?
8. Read the explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:36-43.
9. Why do you think we hear less sermons/classes/lessons on the judgement, or “hellfire and brimstone” type sermons?
10. Why do you think we emphasize the glory of heaven so much but rarely talk of the “weeping and gnashing of teeth” in hell?
11. Truth be told - we were meant to grow among the weeds. So knowing this, how does knowing what will happen to the weeds change your perspective on reaching out to the lost?
12. Pray for our church, the lost, and our building campaign.