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UNEXPECTED STRUGGLE

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

The Kingdom of Heaven on earth today...

is like sowing seed

has an enemy

waits for judgment

is preparing sons to shine like the sun

Therefore...

don't give in to the urge to be the ultimate Judge

don't give up on the hope of greater things to come

Getting Started: What weeds have you had to struggle with the most in your garden or yard?

Digging In: What does Jesus say the various parts of the parable represent in vs 36-43? Why do you think Jesus told this parable to his disciples? How do these verses (Mt 13:3-9; 31-32; Mk 4:26-29; 1 Pet 1:23) help you understand the idea that the Kingdom of Heaven on earth today is like sowing seed? What do these verses (Mt 4:1-11; 16:23; 26:41; Acts 5:1-3; 1 Cor 7:5; 2 Cor 2:6-11; 12:7; Eph 4:26-27; 1 Tim 3:6-7; 5:12-15; 6:9; 1 Thes 3:2-5; Jam 4:1-6; 1 Pet 5:6-8) teach about the enemy we face? How often do you think about the idea of God's judgment? How do these verses (Is 11:4; Zeph 1:14-18; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 3:7-10; Jn 3:36; Rom 2:16; 14:10; Heb 10:30-31; 1 Pet 4:4-5; Rev 14:14-20; 19:11) about judgment cause you fear or encourage you? What do these verses (Jn 17:24; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:4; 1 Pet 1:13; 1 Jn 3:1-3) say about the hope of those who are sons and daughters in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Living It Out: What attitudes, actions, or words reveal your desire to be the ultimate Judge? What attitudes, actions, or words show you lack hope for greater things to come? How can this parable help you when you desire to give in or to give up in these ways?