

The Parables of Jesus

Lesson Four - Handout

I. Parable of the Weeds

a. Who and what are the players?

- i. The one who sow = Jesus
- ii. The Field = the world
- iii. Good seed = Christians
- iv. The weeds = Satan's followers
- v. The enemy = Satan
- vi. The harvest = the end of the age
- vii. Harvesters = angels

b. Weeds

- i. A plant called _____ that looks a lot like _____.
- ii. Until it produces a head, it is very _____ to _____ them apart.
- iii. It has a much _____ and _____ root system.
- iv. In large amounts, the kernel is _____.
- v. Darnel _____ become wheat.

c. Parable Lesson

- i. Good and evil coexist in this _____ and in the _____.
- ii. Despite the presence of evil in the _____, the kingdom has still _____.
- iii. Despite the presence of evil in the _____, the kingdom has not _____.
- iv. _____ is required in waiting for God's timing.
- v. The _____ of a future judgment that is _____, where justice will be served.
- vi. It is not our job to " _____ " the Kingdom.

v. Leaven carried with it both a _____ and _____ connotation because of its ability to _____ its surroundings.

1. Since fermentation was involved, the Pharisees equated it with “_____”.

2. Jesus uses it this way in Matthew 16:6 and Mark 8:15

a. See also 1 Corinthians 5:6

3. In this parable, Jesus uses its positive influence.

vi. The purpose of leaven was to be effective.

1. To change the _____.

2. To charge the _____.

3. To prepare its ultimate _____.

b. Parable Lesson

i. The Kingdom (the church) is to be mixed into the world to be effective.

1. Like salt, we are to bring flavor and something _____.

2. Our influence should affect the world to change and thus _____ different.

3. Finally, we are to _____ the world for Christ's return.