

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

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Weeds in the Wheat

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

May 24, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Matthew 13: 24 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25] but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27] And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' [28] He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""</p>	<p><i>Until the final judgment, the kingdom of Heaven will contain both true and false believers, so examine yourself honestly, witness urgently and wait patiently.</i></p> <p><i>1. Clarity about the Kingdom (not what people expected)</i></p> <p><i>2. A call for self-examination (Are you wheat or weeds?)</i></p> <p><i>3. Witness urgently (Judgment is awful and sure for the weeds)</i></p> <p><i>4. Wait patiently (Believers will be vindicated on the last day)</i></p>
<p>[36] Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37] He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38] The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42] and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.</p>	<p>Memory verses for 2026-</p> <p>Ephesians 4:1-3</p> <p>[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,</p> <p>[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,</p> <p>[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p>

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1. The sermon calls us to honestly ask: "Am I wheat or a weed?" What fruit in your life gives you confidence that you are genuinely in the faith?

2. The Westminster Confession warns that even the purest churches contain mixture. How does someone avoid the danger of assuming they're wheat simply because they attend church, serve, or know the right answers?

3. The Jews expected a political, ethnic, localized Kingdom. Jesus revealed something radically different. In what ways do we still carry wrong assumptions about what God's Kingdom looks like — in our church, our culture, or our politics?

4. The sermon says "if the judgment is real, the gospel is urgent." Who specifically in your life does not know Christ? What is practically preventing you from witnessing to them — and what would change if you truly believed their time was limited?

5. The promise for the righteous is glorious vindication — shining like the sun in the Father's Kingdom. How does holding that future reality affect how you endure present suffering, injustice, or discouragement? Does Colossians 3:1-4 feel like a living hope or a distant concept to you?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: