

King and Messiah Week 19

Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In the parable of the sower, the sower was Christ, the seed was the message of salvation, and the soil was the human heart. What was the different variable in each of the four circumstances and how did it affect the outcome?

Jesus says in verse 9 "He who has ears, let Him hear." How can we make sure we are hearing Jesus?

How does this parable encourage us to continue sowing seeds of salvation even when we are discouraged?

Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, and 47-50

What point is Jesus trying to make with these parables?

If judgment is certain, how should that challenge us as believers?

How can we be respectful of others while still being a part of advancing the kingdom of heaven?

Read Matthew 13:31-33

Why should these two parables give us hope in the midst of a world that is so resistant to the Gospel?

What does the parable of the leaven teach us about how God transforms lives?

Read Matthew 13:44-46

What do these short parables teach us about the kingdom of God?

What causes you to lose your sense of joy and excitement in Christ?

Read Matthew 13:52

If the old and new treasures represent God's revelation in the Old Testament and his revelation through Christ, what does that teach us about the regular behavior of those in the kingdom of God?

What application(s) can you make from chapter 13? How can you put Jesus' teaching into action?

What is the most difficult truth to apply in this chapter?

Other observations/questions/reflections on the text: