

## Formed questions on Matthew 13:24 - 15:9

### Chapter 13:24-52 Episode 19

Theme: Parables of the Kingdom continued  
Parables of Weeds among the Wheat

- Review: 1. Understanding the Kingdom of Heaven with opposition coming from the Pharisees.
2. Jesus saying: For whosoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, sister and mother....
3. ....what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it bears fruit." This explanation gives us reason to help enrich our Church with understanding the Word of God and becoming intentional disciples. ( 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:2

#### Discourse continued

- 1) Why is the Word of God not always effective in our lives?
- 2) Which brings us to the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat. What is the definition of a parable according to Michael Barber? And where did Jesus begin to explain the parables to his Disciples? Where and how does He give explanations to His Words to the Disciples and to us today?
- 3) What is this explanation of the .....
- Sower of the good seed?
  - The field?
  - Sower of the bad seed?
  - The bad seed?
  - Reapers?
  - Time of the ages?
- 4) Why does the Sower protect the field from the sower of the bad seed?

5) According to Michael Barber, what is and where is the Kingdom of Heaven/God?

6) What is the lesson here that Jesus is teaching the disciples and us today?

7) Can weeds come into our life? If so, what can we do?

8) What is the connection between the Kingdom of Heaven and the mustard seed, and the leaven?

9) What is the connection between the pearl of great price and the treasure hidden?

10) Who are the trained Scribes in verse 52? What are they compared to and why?

11) What patron Saint did Tim Gray refer to that could inspire us with studying the Word of God? What was the quote stated from this Saint?

## **Chapter 13:53-14:21 Episode 20**

Theme: Elijah as John the Baptist and Elisha as Jesus our Shepherd

### Narrative

1) Why are the people of Jesus's home town astonished in Matthew 13:54?

2) What is the consequence of their unbelief?

3) What special occasion is King Herod celebrating when he has John the Baptist beheaded? What other wicked king and queen in the Old Testament is similar to King Herod and His wife?...and who was the prophet during this time? Did Jewish traditions at this time celebrate birthdays?

4) Why does Jesus withdraw to a lonely place after he hears that John the Baptist is beheaded? What prophet takes Elijah's place after He is taken up into a chariot of fire? What is given this prophet and how is his similar to Jesus now that John the Baptist has died?

5) What miracle does Jesus perform when the crowds come to Him? And why?

6) What command does He give the disciples at night in this place? Why does he have the disciples to do this and not Himself?

7) In 2 Kings 4:42-44 what prophet performs this similar miracle? Who typically feeds sheep?

8) What are the words Jesus spoke before giving the disciples the loaves and the fish? Who gives out the loaves and the fishes to the people?

## **Chapter 14:22-15:9    Episode 21**

Theme: Jesus our True Shepherd and King

1) After the feeding of the 5,000 where does Jesus go and where does He send His disciples and why?

2) Why did the storm come after such a success from the feeding of the 5,000?

3) When and how did He deliver them? What was it that He was trying to teach them as well as us when we go through such storms?

4) When they finally reached the land at Gennesaret, when the people recognized Him, what did they beg of Him and Why?

5) Why were these tassels (tzitzit) so important? What command does Moses give the Israelites in Numbers 15:37-41? Is there any other meaning to these tassels and the corner (kanaph) they are attached to on their prayer shawls or garments according to Malachi 4:2 according to Jewish tradition? And what could that mean for us and our walk with Jesus today?

6) How does Jesus answer the Pharisee's question about the disciples transgressing the tradition of the elders according to Matthew 15:1-7? What are the Pharisee's motivation in questioning Jesus about his view? According to Jesus, what is the real motivation needed to honor God when following the elder's tradition? How do we know when we are truly following God's statutes and following Church teaching?