

Digging Deeper Study

God's Kingdom Come – Insights into Evangelism

Week of January 25, 2026

<p>Insights into Evangelism Matthew 13</p>	<p>“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)</p> <p>Sermon QUOTE Statement: Things happen in hearts when we share the good news of Jesus. Today Jesus gives us insight into those happenings, so that we can better share Him with the world, but also listen to Him ourselves. Come and hear what Jesus has to say.</p> <p>Opening Question:</p> <p>Have you ever planted something? What steps did you take to see it flourish? When did you see it struggle?</p>
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Matthew 13:1-30, 36-43

¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹²Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
“ ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. ¹⁵For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their

1. Read Matthew 13:10-17

- 1. How do we gain understanding? V10-12**
- 2. Why do parables invite choice in the matter?**
- 3. Does Jesus want us to understand?**
- 4. Why is it important to remember**

ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’^d

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

²¹ But since they have no root, they

2. Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

5. When you look at this parable from the perspective of the sower – what are some insights you gain into sharing the gospel? What stands out to you the most?
6. When you look at this parable from the perspective of the soil – what are some insights you gain into hearing the gospel for yourself? What do you most resonate with?
7. How can understanding the different soil that you may be ministering to, help you in how you share the gospel?

last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

²⁴Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

²⁶When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you

3. Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

8. Why is it so important that we share the gospel?
9. What are the differences between the wheat and the weeds?
10. Why is it important that we don’t try to pull up the weeds before the end of the harvest?

sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good

4. Extra Reading. **1 Corinthians 3: 6-10 , 1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

11. What is our part to play in ministering the gospel, and what is God’s part?
12. Why are we to give of ourselves when we share the gospel?
13. Why do we meet people where they are at?
14. Why is it important that we don’t treat each situation as the exact same in sharing the gospel?

seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer

