

Sermon: Love the Kingdom.
Series: Love Where You Live.

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46.
Date: June 29, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Can you think of an example of a time when you asked yourself, "Is it worth it?" (a purchase, a move, a new job, a pet).
- b) Can you identify what is at the center of your competing, earthly kingdom? Or...in what way is your earthly kingdom getting in the way of building Christ's kingdom?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) When you think about the Kingdom of God what images come to mind? Is what you imagine worth more to you than anything on this earth/in this life?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read Colossians 1:9-14. How are we brought into the Kingdom of Christ? How would you reconcile this passage to Jesus' words in Matthew 13:44-46?

APPLICATION

- a) Think of an area of suffering that you are facing today. How does knowing that the Kingdom of God is ours help you to walk through this suffering in faith? Consider 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
- b) What is Jesus actively asking you to give up for him and his kingdom? Are you willing to lose it for Christ?

PRAYER

- Ask God to bring his Kingdom to earth fully – "They Kingdom come."
- Confess ways that you have built your own kingdom rather than Christ's.
- Thank Jesus for defeating the Kingdom of Darkness by his death on the cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to see the Kingdom of God as the most valuable thing we can receive and possess.