

# Matthew 13:24-68

## Regarding doubt, and trusting Jesus

- Can you describe a time that you were surprised by something that God did for you?
- How does doubt negatively impact people?

## **Matt 13:24-62 Seven Parables about the Kingdom of Heaven**

As we discuss these parables, remember the parable of the Sower that Jesus had just shared (and we discussed last week).

- What does each parable tell us about the kingdom of heaven? What is the overall message?
  - The Sower
  - The Weeds
  - Mustard Seed
  - The Yeast
  - The Hidden Treasure
  - This Hidden Pearl
  - This Fishing Net
- The term "Kingdom of Heaven" is difficult and seems to be used in a couple of ways. See Psalm 145:11-13, Luke 17:20,21, and Matt 3:2 regarding its fulfillment with Jesus coming. But also see Matt 8:11, Mark 10:23-25 for "end of age" usage. What is the intent in these passages?
- Notice Jesus exchange with the disciples in 51,52. Did the disciples really understand? What were they, and we, supposed to understand?
- In vs 52, what are the old and new treasures? What are we supposed to do as possessors of these treasures?
- What do these parables teach us about our current world, the presence of evil, and how God works around us?

## **Matt 13:63-68 Prophet Without Honor**

The word translated carpenter is *tehton* or "builder".

- Why did their lack of faith lead to Jesus not performing miracles?
- Do you think we see fewer miracles in communities with less faith today?

## **Summary**

- How does a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of heaven help you face your day-day challenges?