



REFLECTION // DISCUSSION RESOURCE
“The Parable of the Net”
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The final Kingdom Parable in Matthew 13 is perhaps one of the easiest to understand, but the most difficult to accept. A “kingdom” refers to a dimension or domain of royal authority - so when Jesus speak about the Kingdom of Heaven, He’s revealing to us what things are like in and under God’s lordship and leadership.

Read Matthew 13:47-50

What are your initial thoughts or reactions to that parable?

OBSERVATION #1: There’s a present age and a coming age.

How does the reality of the coming age impact or influence your life in the present age?

How do you observe people living who have no concern or belief in a coming age?

OBSERVATION #2: We’re accountable.

What is your personal attitude towards accountability?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

According to this passage, what saves us and how are we saved?

How do you understand “by grace, through faith”?

Doc said that there’ll be no boasting on the day of judgment, only either tremendous gratitude or tremendous despair. What do you think about this statement?

OBSERVATION #3: Eternity outside the Kingdom is terrible.

How do you relate and respond to God as both a Loving Father and a Righteous Judge?

Doc said it was important for us to live with these as complimentary and completing truths. Do you agree? Why or why not?

APPLICATIONS

Reaffirm your complete dependence upon Jesus for your righteousness.
Pray for a fresh burden and passion for God’s mission of saving lost souls.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray by name for those 2-3 people your networks and neighbourhoods who don’t yet know Jesus.
Pray for our Hopscotch and Youth Ministries.
Pray that we’ll see an increase of new and not-yet-believers coming to our Sunday Gatherings and responding to the Gospel.