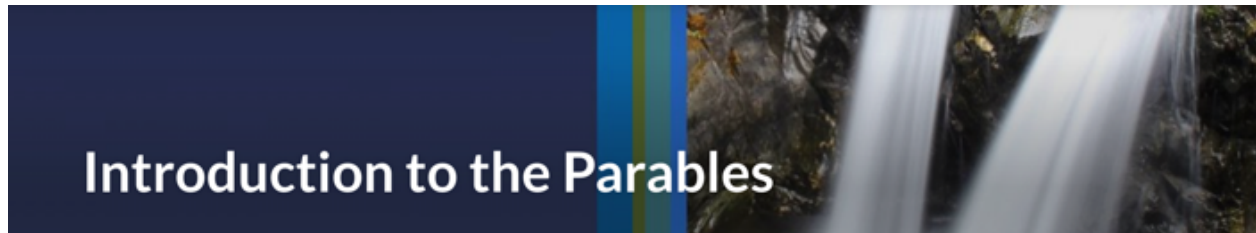


072918 Growth Group Study



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1. Discussion around most recent sermon:

a. Date: 07/29/18

b. Series: Parables

c. Title: “Extravagant Hope: The Parable of the Wheat and Weeds”

d. Text (scripture from today’s sermon):

- Matthew 13: 24:30; 36-43

d. Preacher: Shawn Reese

f. Scripture Reading:

- Romans 8:18-24a (ESV):

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved.

g. Specific questions from today’s sermon:

1. Describe the structure of the parable:

- Usual
- Unexpected
- Unsettled

2. What does the harvest represent?

3. Why does judgment not come until “the end of the age”?

4. Why is there still evil in the world?

5. Why are followers of Jesus not harmed by growing alongside the evil one?

6. What is this parable calling followers of Jesus to do?

7. Is the seed of God's word growing in your heart today?

g. Reference Text/Books:

- Psalm 46:1-7; 10-11 (call to worship)
- Romans 8:18-24a (scripture reading)
- William Barclay, *Matthew, Volume 2*
- Craig Blomberg, *Preaching the Parables*
- Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Churchbook*
- Andy Crouch, *Tech-wise family*
- James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful Community*
- David Wenham, *The Parables of Jesus*