



# Message Notes

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## **Matthew 13**

<sup>31</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup>Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount<sup>[b]</sup> of flour until it worked all through the dough."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup>So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."<sup>[c]</sup>

**What would your first take on the parable be?**

**The kingdom has unseen movement from \_\_\_\_\_ to exponential \_\_\_\_\_!**

**The God-\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Life lived in continued active acceptance of the reality of the**

**God-\_\_\_\_\_ is a life lived by faith. It is living literally and out of this \_\_\_\_\_ life!**

**What an \_\_\_\_\_ to those followers and us!**

**Ephesians 3** <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

**Notes from the interview with Mike Goeke—**

**“Fruit-bearing and Judgment”**  
A Personal and Small Group Experience

Something really caught my eye. The bible often talks about the importance of bearing fruit in one’s life. Here is the kicker – that fruit will finally be what separates the proverbial “sheep from the goats”. Jesus said, “By their fruit you will know them.” How true it is. This parable of the weeds speaks the same language—its not until the fruit of the stalk appears that you can tell what is weeds and what is wheat.

As you read through the following scriptures wrestle around with the fruit-bearing angle of each one and also the “separation of sheep and goats” judgment kind of angle. Really sink into these verses there are numerous gems here. It would probably be good to read them more than once. Pray as a group for the Holy Spirit to fill you and open the scriptures to you.

**Thought and Discussion Prompts**

- Where do you see the separation of “wheat and weeds” (judgment) in the verses? Discuss the picture painted or image used for this. What happens to the weeds.
- What does “good fruit”(wheat) look like in these verses? What does bad fruit (weeds) look like in these verses?
- This is an important question. How does one become a “good fruit” bearer? What is the key? To what extent do you find yourself “wanting “ to bear good fruit? Where does this “want” lead you?
- Where do each of you sense “hope and joy” in these verses? Search for what God is giving you today in His word.

**John 15:1-12**

**Galatians 5:16-25**

**Prayer Prompts:**

- Notice what people have said during your study and prayer for each other according to the needs you have heard.

## *Connecting with God this week*

### **“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide**

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

**Extra Fold-Out panels are used when** Point of Grace has a special prayer emphasis. Currently the “21-days of Prayer for God’s most wanted gives you the opportunity to pray for those you know that need real connection with God with a particular emphasis on praying for and inviting them to our upcoming Alpha Course

### *Scripture & Meditation Guide February 1 – February 6*

#### **Helpful Hints:**

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.  
Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”  
“How are You inviting me to respond?”
- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!  
*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday: Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Tuesday: Matthew 16:21-28**

**Wednesday: Luke 3:7-20**

**Thursday: 1 Peter 5:8-11**

**Friday: Revelation 21:1-8**

**Saturday: Revelation 20:7-10**