



Sermon Questions: *Parable of the Net*

Date: *November 14, 2021* | Scripture: *Matthew 13:47-50*

1. Discuss the idea of ‘the world that seems’ vs ‘the world that is.’ How does that manifest in your circles?
2. When is a time you've seen or experienced justice?
3. Within your groups and as individuals, are you comfortable talking about the final judgment? What are the factors that play into this?
4. What difference does it make in our thinking about God’s judgement that Jesus himself is both the judge and the justifier?
5. Look at the chapter more widely. Jesus tells the parable of the weeds, then two parables about the surpassing worth of the kingdom of heaven, then this parable. Given that the gospels were not randomly organized, what can we learn from this context?
6. The imagery of this parable is clear: we should not want to face judgment, nor would we wish it on others. How can we live with the knowledge of this reality of judgment?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner, rather than the whole group.

1. We don’t want God to ignore sin—we crave justice—but we might want him to ignore or explain away our own sin. How do you deal with the tension created by the injustice we experience in this world?
2. What would it take for someone to rejoice in God’s justice?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 2:23-25
- Proverbs 14:1-15
- Daniel 7:9-18
- Matthew 13:24-33
- Acts 2:23-31
- 2 Peter 3:1-13

Listen to the Spotify playlist, [The Storytelling Savior: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew](#)

Pray for our Thanksgiving offering and the partners to whom it will go at our Third Thursday Missions Prayer Dinner

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