



## Is Weed a Problem\_LG Questions Wk2\_Fall 2020

Ice Breaker: Do you have any experience harvesting any crops? If so, share.

Someone read Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

### *The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast*

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

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. 35 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.”

### *The Parable of the Weeds Explained*

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

**Glorify:** In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus teaches that good and evil must grow together, but the fruit of good is not harmed by the growth of evil. If believers fight sin in the world by committing sin ourselves then good cannot fully mature. Believers should fight monsters in the world without becoming a monster. To glorify God, how can we fight monsters without becoming a monster?

**Relate:** Let's run with the idea of not becoming a Monsters to fight monsters. There are evil people in the world and you are the good seed growing with them. How do you do you practice loving the sinner and hating the sin? Please provide a practical answer.

**Cultivate:** In the parable of the yeast, Jesus teaches that a little yeast changes the whole batch of dough. In the kingdom small faith can make large difference in your part of the world. Please share a time when God used your small faith to make a significant difference. `

**Expand:** In the parable of the mustard seed Jesus teaches that small insignificant seeds can grow to become the largest plant in a garden. The man intentionally planted a mustard seed in his garden. He wanted a mustard tree. What does this teach us about the process of becoming a disciple and making disciples?

When Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and the weeds, he reveals there are only two kinds of people, good and evil. The good have been made acceptable through Christ and will remain in the kingdom. The evil rejected God's grace and will endure eternal punishment. Using the definition of good people and evil people as taught by Jesus in this parable, are you a good person or an evil person? Why?

**Prayer:**

The parable of the wheat and weeds is weighty. It is a reminder that Jesus will one day return and separate the wheat from the weeds. Spend a few moments praying for those people who have NOT accepted Christ to believe in Him so that they are not uprooted as weeds.