

## A STUDY OF MATTHEW

Matthew 13:24-43

*"He that has ears let Him hear." Matthew 13:43*

### WEEKLY GUIDE

1. List the things we have learned about the "*kingdom of heaven*" in our study of Matthew to this point. Review Matthew 5-7 in understanding what living in the kingdom is like.
2. Why are the Pharisees and many unbelieving Jews struggling to accept Jesus' teaching about the "kingdom of heaven"? is it possible that people today rebel for the same reasons? Why or why not?
3. The phrase, "*The kingdom of heaven is like...*" appears three times in our text. What is Jesus doing with the usage of picture stories through these of parables to communicate? With whom is He seeking to communicate? (see verse 34)
4. What do you think is the primary focus of Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares? Why does He suggest they be allowed to grow alongside each other? How is that significant for us?
5. Jesus talks about the "*end of the age*"; what time is He referring to? What does He suggest in this parable will take place at that time? How should we, then, respond?
6. What is significant about a mustard seed? How is it a good picture of the "*kingdom of heaven*"?
7. "*Yeast*" has a negative connotation in much of the Bible (see Exodus 20). How does Jesus use it in a positive sense in verse 33?
8. What is the significance to you of the phrase, "*He who has ears let him hear*"?