

## Study Guide - Matthew 13:47-50

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*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of fish, and when it was full, they dragged it ashore, sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw out the worthless ones. So it will be at the end of the age. The angles will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “*

Good news – There will be an end to evil!

Our recent news feeds have been filled with stories of evil. What current headline of evil has weighed on your heart and mind most? How has this affected you in recent days?  
Do recent events like these make it easier or more difficult to share the gospel with those who do not know the Lord? Why?

Bad news – We are all evil

Romans 1:18-25

Consider using the following video clip of a longer version of the video shown in the service:

#Coffee Talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LxoJLpcWko&t=2s>

Do you approach life with an attitude that all people are basically good or all people are bad?

What tension do you feel when the parable states “the evil people...throw them into the blazing furnace.”?

Read Mark 10:17-27

Why is entering the kingdom of God impossible with men?

Good News – Jesus is the solution!

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Which do you find more difficult: grasping the reality that you are not basically good or the reality that you have been forgiven and offered unconditional love?

How does this week’s parable shed light on last week’s?

(Last week we were challenged to count the cost, to be motivated by joy to abandon everything for the treasure that has immeasurable worth. This week we realize the tragic state that humanity is in, all are evil and condemned. When looking at both parables we see two motivations for sharing the good news of Jesus, one there is a great treasure and two there is great salvation! We should be strongly motivated to spread the kingdom.)

Can you say today that you are part of the kingdom of God and will enter its fullness when Jesus returns?

In what ways are you currently sharing the gospel as “fishers of people”? What roadblocks are you experiencing? What holds you back?

What ways can the group be encouraging you?