Matthew 13:24-30 July 17, 2020 First Christian Church, Murray, KY Rev. Russ Ragovin

Matthew 13:24-30 ~ The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

SOW GOOD SEED SERMON OUTLINE

"Another parable He put forth to them saying: "The kingdom of God is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went his way." Matt. 13:24-25

I. DON'T WRITE PEOPLE OFF SO EASILY

"The Lord said to Ananias: "Go, for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel of mine..." Acts 9:15

"The Samaritan woman left her water pot, went her way into the city, and told her people about Jesus, and many people believed in Him because of this woman's testimony."

See John 4:39

"But when the lost son was still a long way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran to him with a hug and kiss." See Luke 15:20

II. WHEREVER YOU GO SOW MERCY NOT JUDGMENT

"by this all of you all of you will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

"Love never fails." I Corinthians 13:8

"Zacchaeus (which means "Pure One") make haste and come down, for I must stay and supp with you." See Luke 19:5b

"It is God who gives life to things and calls things that are not as though they were." See Romans 4:17