**Observation Chart for Wheat and the Tares – Matthew 13:24-43**

**V: 24-30**  **V:36-43**

Where is Jesus? \_\_\_\_sitting in a boat on the sea\_\_\_ Where is Jesus?\_\_in the house

Who is He talking to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the great multitudes Who is He talking to? \_\_\_the disciples

Why? \_\_\_\_telling them about the kingdom of heaven Why?\_\_explaining to them the parable

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| **Who?** | **Colour** | **What does the text say?** | **Who?** | **What does the text say?** |
| Man | yellow | -sowed good seed in his field  -landowner  -recognized the enemy  -didn’t want the wheat rooted up  -allowed both to grow together until harvest | Son of Man | -sows the good seed |
| Enemy | black | -came when men were sleeping  -sowed tares among the wheat  -went away | The devil | -sowed the tares |
| Good Seed/Wheat | green | -good seed sowed in the field  -wheat sprang up, bore grain  -allowed to grow together with tares  -wheat to be gathered into man’s barn | Sons of the kingdom | -righteous  -shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father  -God is their Father |
| Tares | black | -sowed among the wheat by the enemy  -became evident when wheat grew up and bore grain  -allowed to grow with the wheat  -gathered first  -bound in bundles to burn up | Sons of the evil one | -gathered at end of the age  -gathered out of the kingdom  -stumbling blocks  -those who commit lawlessness  -cast into the furnace of fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth |
| Men | Purple | -were sleeping  -slaves of landowner  -knew landowner only sowed good seeds  -offered to gather up the tares | Field:  Harvest:  Reapers: | The world  The end of the age  His Angels – sent by Son of Man – will gather |

What do you learn about the **kingdom?**

-there are sons of the kingdom (v.38) -all stumbling blocks and those who commit lawlessness are gathered out (v.41)

-Jesus’ kingdom (v.41) Father’s kingdom (v.43) -righteous will shine like the sun (v.43)

**Interpretation:**

Definition of **kingdom**: God’s \_\_reign\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the sphere of God’s \_\_\_rule\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the sphere in which at any given time, His \_\_\_\_rule\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is acknowledged

What else do we know about the **enemy**? 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, John 8:44, John 10: 10

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light; his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness

-he was a murderer from the beginning

-there is no truth in him

-he is a liar, the father of lies

-he only comes to steal, kill and destroy

What is the role of the **good seed**? How do you know it is different from the tares?

-all it did was spring up and bear grain -

What will happen to the sons of the evil one and the sons of the kingdom? When will it happen?

-will be gathered up out of the kingdom, cast into the furnace of fire, at the end of the age

-sons of kingdom, will shine forth as the sun

Verse **43** quotes Dan. 12:3. What does it say?

-those have insight , shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven

-those who lead many to righteousness, will shine like the stars forever and ever

**Application:**

1. Are you a good seed? 2 Cor. 13:5.
2. Are you springing up into wheat? What should be seen in your life? (Think back to Joy’s lesson last week.)Has this study brought to mind any changes that need to be made in your life?
3. Do you get frustrated by the evil around you? How does knowing the One who rules and what will happen to the evil ones help you or give you hope? How can we be aware of counterfeit Christians?
4. Do you trust where God has planted you? Or does the grass look greener somewhere else?
5. Do you shine?