

CrossWalk notes

The Kingdom

Growth in the Kingdom

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How do things grow in God's Kingdom?

²⁴ 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?' **Matthew 13:24-28, NIV**

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. **Matthew 13:36-39, NIV**

_____ and _____ grow side-by-side in God's kingdom.

Weeds are the result of _____ and _____ in the world.

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." **Matthew 13:29-30, NIV**

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. **Matthew 13:40-43, NIV**

God is _____ because he cares about you.

_____ is coming. _____ will be served.

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." **Matthew 13:31-32, NIV**

Faith starts small, but grows _____. The _____ of faith is more important than the size of the faith.

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." **Matthew 13:33, NIV**

The good news of Jesus _____ throughout the world and brings miraculous results.

MEMORY VERSE

³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants. . . **Matthew 13:32, NIV**

My next step: God does not despise small beginnings. Faith and his kingdom start small and grow big. I will continue to cultivate faith in my life by studying his word and living new.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.