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DISCUSSION GUIDE

M a r c h 5th, 2023

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Read Matt. 13:1-2. Why do you think Jesus often taught by the sea? Pastor Larry in his message stated he thought that one of the great tragedies of modern Christianity is that it has become an in-house thing. Ask yourself, are you living Christian lives that are safe and domesticated?

R E A D Matt. 13:1-23

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- Pastor Larry stated parables in the gospels are stories that are supposed to upend your life. Imagine for a minute, that you didn't have the interpretation of this parable. Do you think you could understand it? What points would you get from this parable?
- Read Matt. 13:10-13. Jesus gives the interpretation to only this smaller group of people. Why was this group privileged to understand the mystery of the kingdom of God? Why were outsiders not blessed in this way?
- Read Matt. 13:14-17. Why did Jesus conclude His parable saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear?" (vv. 9)
- Pastor Larry asks us to put ourselves in the position of sifting through the story and saying, who am I in this story? Which heart do have? The hard heart, the shallow heart, the strangled heart, or the open heart that produces fruit in my life, who am I?
- Pastor Larry reminded us that Jesus has such a massive vision for our life that is way bigger than attending some things and reshuffling a couple things in your life. Where have you noticed Jesus' reorganizing everything about you to help you have an open heart that produces fruit in your life?

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