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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Read Matt. 13:24-26. Pastor Larry reminds us that by the time something destructive appears in your life, it's been planted for a little while. Looking back on your life where can you identify weeds being planted before you recognized them as weeds?

R E A D Matt. 13:23-30

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- Read Matt. 13:27-28. Who is the enemy? What if anything does this teach us about Satan?
- A weed is a destructive force in a garden. It zaps nutrients and chokes out good plants. Why did the owner delay pulling the weeds (v.v. 28)?
- Jesus' parable makes clear that any attempt to root out the weeds will only do more damage to the crop. Weeds in the church are also destructive. How and how should they be managed?
- Pastor Larry in his message tells us that both the bad things and the good things in our life, grow together. However, even in our pain God is up to something so much bigger than we might be able to understand and know. (see James 1. Gen 50:20) Reflecting on your life, where have you seen God at work?
- Pastor Larry states that God is saying, "I need you to learn how to celebrate the wheat even while you're looking at the weeds". How can we do a better job of seeing only the wheat when we're at work, at school or playing with friends or working with our family members?

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