Space for God Weeds & Seeds



PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love.
Hosea 10:12a

WORSHIP

You who love the Lord, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked.

Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right.

May all who are godly rejoice in the Lord and praise his holy name! Psalm 97:10-12

CONFESSION

Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:11-12

MEDITATION Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

ere is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

"The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

"'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

"'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

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Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is

the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

and the harvesters are the angels.

"Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

ANCHORING PRAYER

Lord, I am listening to You.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

What growth am I seeing in my relationship with God?

What weeds are affecting my spiritual growth?

WISDOM

But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever."

Daniel 7:18

Then the earth will yield its harvests, and God, our God, will richly bless us. Psalm 67:6

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

BENEDICTION

And now we entrust ourselves to You, O God, and the message of Your grace that is able to build us and give us an inheritance with all those You have set apart for Yourself.

Amen.

Acts 20:32 (adapted)

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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