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The Vision:
Jesus is building a comprehensive, beautiful kingdom in this world. “The kingdom of heaven is like…” (13:24)

Two Ways Jesus’ Hearers Were Misguided
1. Their dream was too small.
2. Their timetable was too hasty.

The Method:
The kingdom grows as God plants his people in local neighborhoods. “The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.” (13:38)

We are Christ’s kingdom builders wherever he plants us in this world. This is how you should view yourself every day of your life – wherever you go and whatever you do. It will never be by chance that you are where you are.
I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. – Psalm 27:14

The Reality: God builds his kingdom surely but more slowly than we want him to. “Let the wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will...” (Mt 13:30)

The Deception: Be warned! There is an enemy who sows fake seed among the real. While everyone was sleeping, an enemy sowed weeds among the wheat. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. (Mt 13:25-26)
What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside.

– 1 Corinthians 5:12

**Are You Wheat? Some Checkpoints:**

1. Are you sure you have confessed your sin to God, asked for forgiveness and received Jesus into your life as your savior? (Acts 3:19; 16:31)

2. Are you deeply grateful that while you were a sinner, out of love Christ died for you? (Rom 5:8)
Are You Wheat? Some Checkpoints:
3. Do you have a longing to be cleansed and set free from sin?
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)