

The Gathering (Re-imagined)

Sunday Discussion Guide

April 5, 2020

The Dragnet – Are you ready for the end?

Matthew 13:47-50, John 14:1-6

Main Point

Everyone will face a day of reckoning. The wheat will be separated from the tares, the good fish separated from the bad fish, the wicked separated from the righteous. It is inescapable. What happens next depends on one thing and one thing alone, your relationship with the Kingdom's King, Jesus. The good news is Jesus provided a way for us to enter the Kingdom, Himself. Jesus alone is the way to the Kingdom. With Him there is a promise of hope and life. Without Him there is only the reality of separation and death.

Gathering at the Table

- For the benefit of those who were not here, what was the main emphasis this morning?
 - You can catch up at fbchazlehurst.com or on our facebook page.
- Is there one particular thought that resonated with you?
- Any concerns or questions from the text?
- Talk about a time when you thought you had more time to finish something than you did. How did you feel, what did you do, etc?
- What are some things up ahead you are prepared for and what are some things you have decided to worry with later on?
- What are some reasons that people avoid thinking about “tomorrows”?

Going Deeper in the Word

Read Matthew 13:47-50

- How is the parable of the dragnet similar to the parable of the wheat and tares earlier in the chapter?
- While harvest may come at a relatively anticipated time, fish would never know when the net would be pulled in. Does this have any bearing on the parable's point?
- This parable speaks to the finality of a certain judgement coming. Why do you think more people don't really consider what is ahead?
- Verse 49 says the righteous will be separated from the wicked. Read Romans 3:10-18. Who does it say is righteous? How then do we become righteous? Hint: read Romans 3:21-26.

Read John 14:1-6

- In what ways does Jesus prepare a place for us?
- Jesus says He receives us unto Himself. There is a subtle shift from describing a place to describing a person. How is Jesus our dwelling place? How do you think this connects with John 15:1-7 when Jesus says we are to abide, to dwell or to live, in Him?
- How does the reality of Christ preparing a place for us cause you to not be troubled or undone in days like this?
- What does this passage say about the manner of entering the Kingdom of heaven?
 - Read John 10:7-11. What does this passage add to the principle of the exclusivity of Jesus being the way?

Getting Prepared to live out the Word this Week

- Are you prepared if the dragnet was pulled ashore today?
- If Jesus is the only way, what will you do this week to let those without that understanding discover that truth?
- If life seems so fragile right now, what are you doing to prepare yourself and prepare others for a certain eternity?

Growing Together in Prayer

Pray for one another! Call a friend and pray, gather with your family and pray, text a prayer to someone you know. Pray!