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#### I. Sowing the Word

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

1. Most people like stories with good endings. Most of the story about the sower is disappointing, but it has a good ending. For a person with faith in God, why is this important?

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#### **II. Wheat and Tares Growing Together**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

 When you read that after a man had planted good seed (wheat) in his field, an enemy came at night and planted tares in with the wheat, what are your thoughts?

2. When, as citizens of the Kingdom, we are troubled by the prevalence of evil in this world, why should we be encouraged by Jesus' parable about the wheat and tares?

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### III. The Growing Kingdom

Matthew 13:31-33

1. Why should Jesus' parable about the mustard seed fill us with encouragement regarding the persistence of the kingdom of God in this world until Christ comes again?

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#### DEFINITIONS

- **1.** Devoured
- 2. Germinated
- 3. Parable
- 4. Thorns
- 5. Transform
- 6. Harvest
- 7. Sower
- 8. Leaven