

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PARABLE OF THE FISHING NET

MATTHEW 13:47-50

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. What is Jesus comparing heaven to?
2. What do you think the fish represent?
3. What do you think makes someone a “good” fish?
4. What makes someone a “bad” fish?
5. Where can you find out more about how to become “good” fish and live in a way that pleases God?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. If you’ve grown up in the church, it is easy to read this and think you are obviously one of the “good fish.” What is the difference between the good fish and the bad fish?
2. How can we know if we are one of the righteous or one of the evil?
3. **Challenge:** List out different characteristics of a righteous person and compare that with your own life and walk with Jesus.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. Define the “wicked” in the parable.
2. What does the fact that the good fish and the bad fish are not separated until the end say about the kingdom of God?
3. When Jesus asked the disciples if they had understood all these things following this parable in Matthew 13:51, they replied, “Yes.” To what extent do you think they understood?
4. In what ways is this parable similar to the Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24–30)? In what ways are they dissimilar?
5. What is this parable specifically motivating you to do?