



Counterfeits in the Kingdom

Prayer:

Text: Matthew 13:24-33, 36-43

Icebreaker: In your small group go around the room and see how many “*Christian*” denominational systems you can name that are in the world.

1. Are all in Christendom genuine subjects of King Jesus? Matthew 7:21-23

2. What was the seed planted in the parable of the sower? Matthew 13:18-23

Read Matthew 13:24-30; 36-39 and then answer the following questions.

3. What seed is planted in Jesus' parable of the wheat and tares? Verse 38

4. Who planted the seed (*Christians*) in God's field? Verse 37

5. What is the field in which the good seeds (Christians) were planted?
Verse 38; Psalm 24:1

6. Define the *tares*, and who planted them? Verses 38-39

7. How are we able to recognize counterfeit Christians? Verse 26; Matthew 7:15-18

8. Why doesn't our Lord want us to pull out the counterfeits? Verses 28-29

9. When and who will be given this responsibility of separating the tares from the wheat, and what will happen to the tares and the wheat? Verses 30; 39-43; Revelation 14:14-16; 2 Peter 2:12-14, 17

10. What warning should we take from Matthew 13:25? 1 Peter 5:8;

11. What did Paul and Peter have to say about this?

Acts 20:29-30 _____

2 Peter 2:1-2 _____

Think about it this week:

The Lord knows those who are His.

~ 2 Timothy 2:19

And the Lord knows
*...how to deliver the godly out of temptations
and to reserve the unjust under punishment
for the Day of Judgment.*

~ 2 Peter 2:9

Not a grain of genuine wheat will be lost, but all will be gathered safely home at harvest time at the end of this age.