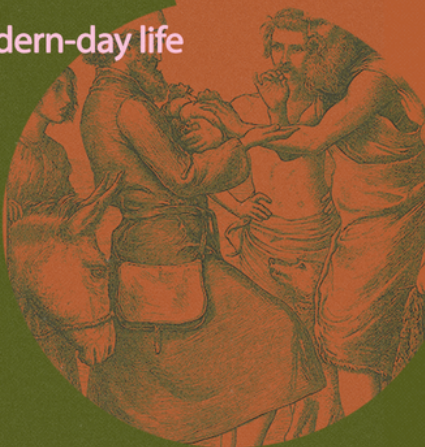


# STORY TIME

connecting parables in the bible to modern-day life

WEEK TWO



# Parable of the Wheat & Weeds

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*"Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn." Matthew 13:30 NLT*

## THE FARMER AND THE ENEMY

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## THE FIELD

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## THE GOOD SEEDS

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## WHAT'S THE APPLICATION?

Your action steps...

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## GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

### MEDITATE

As you look at the image above, what do you notice? What is an invitation God might be giving you?

### STUDY

Read Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 13:22-30. What are the common themes? What do you notice as it relates to your life?

### READ

Soul Detox, by Craig Groeschel

### SHARE

Take the time to share with one friend one thing God is challenging you to do this week.

### LISTEN

What stands out to you in this podcast?



## KEY STEPS TO GET ENGAGED

Over the next several weeks, as we prepare for the end of the year, you're invited to be a part of the story of what God is doing through His church. Take a look over the opportunities below to get involved and make a difference this season:

### MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY AT ECHO

Be a part of making some Christmas magic this year and awaken the wonder of what Christmas really means. There's many ways for you to serve and make a difference at one of our Christmas services this year. See more details and sign up at [echo.church/merry](https://echo.church/merry)

### INVITE A FRIEND TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Bring a friend with you to one of our many Christmas services at Echo. We have an amazing experience planned for the whole family, fun surprises, gifts, and a whole lot more. See more details at [echo.church/christmas](https://echo.church/christmas)

### BUY A HAMMOCK, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Artisan Project seeks to equip women in Brazil with creative skills that help them financially support their families. You can purchase hammocks (they make great Christmas gifts!) made by these women to make a difference in their lives and community! More details at [echo.church/global](https://echo.church/global)

### LEAD A SPRING 2024 ECHO GROUP

Be a part of creating life-giving community by leading or hosting an Echo Group in spring of 2024. See more details and information at [echo.church/host](https://echo.church/host)

### END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Generosity matters. Your giving helps make a difference not just in our community but with many of our local and global partnerships. Finish your year strong, and make the most of your tax-deductible gift by the end of the year at [echo.church/give](https://echo.church/give)