

# "PARABLE OF THE NET"

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## **The kingdom is compared to fishermen using a dragnet (47-48)**

The process of catching fish with a net (47)

How fish are caught

The kind of fish that are caught

The process of sorting fish after the catch (48)

What is done with the "good fish"

What is done with the "bad fish"

## **The meaning of the parable (49-50)**

The kingdom presently "catches" all kinds of people

There are good and bad people in the kingdom's present realm

Not all people in the kingdom's present realm belong to the kingdom

There will be a climactic event that will change the composition of the kingdom

The end of the age is the Day of Judgment

There will be a separation of good and bad people

The destiny of the "good"

The destiny of the "bad"

The role of angels in the judgment

# Family Life Groups

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1. This is a passage about God’s judgment and the fate of the wicked (those who reject Christ). Obviously, Jesus wants us to think about this and anticipate the Day of Judgment, or he would not have spoken about it so many times. How can we cultivate and maintain an awareness of this uncomfortable and distressing doctrine of judgment and hell?
  
2. How would a continual awareness of this subject/doctrine affect our behavior, relationships, and choices?

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