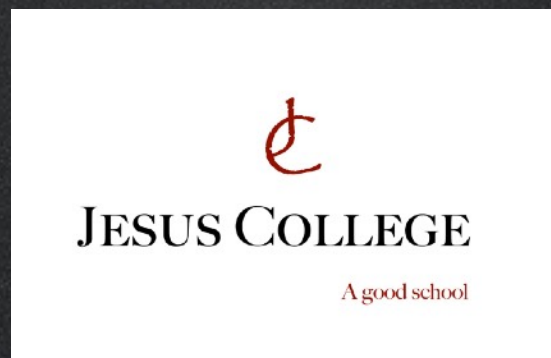


WELCOME to a 15 week course
THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM
by Dallas Willard
presented by



Dallas prayed at the beginning of “Parabolic” teaching #5,

“Lord, we are thankful for this occasion to turn to your Word and have the opportunity to study the things that you have left us. We pray that you will bring to life this written Word and speak to our hearts individually as we come now to meditate on the Parable of the Tares and the Parable of the Net. Give us the message which we need to hear this morning.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.”

“Growing Together Until the Harvest: The Tares in the Wheat, and the Net”

[at the beginning of #5]

A person's legs in sandals walking on a path. The word "Follow" is carved into the stone path, and a cross is visible above it.

Follow

Review of Session 5

Discipleship allows us to live lives full of love, joy, hope, peace, and confidence in God.

The feast awaits us if we've said,

"Yes, I will be a disciple of Jesus Christ on His terms!"

THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM

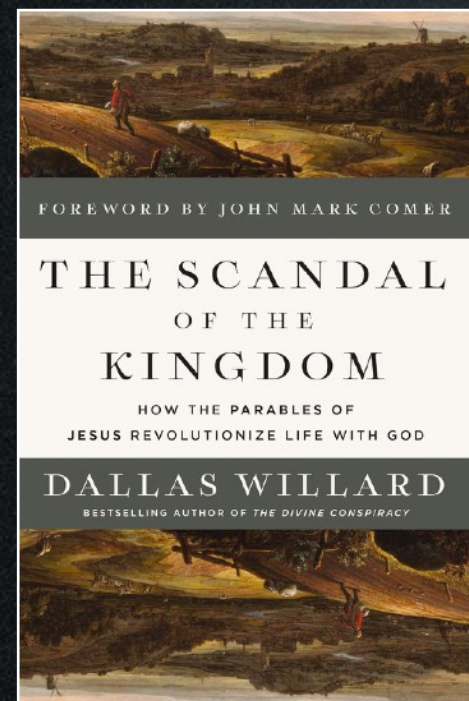
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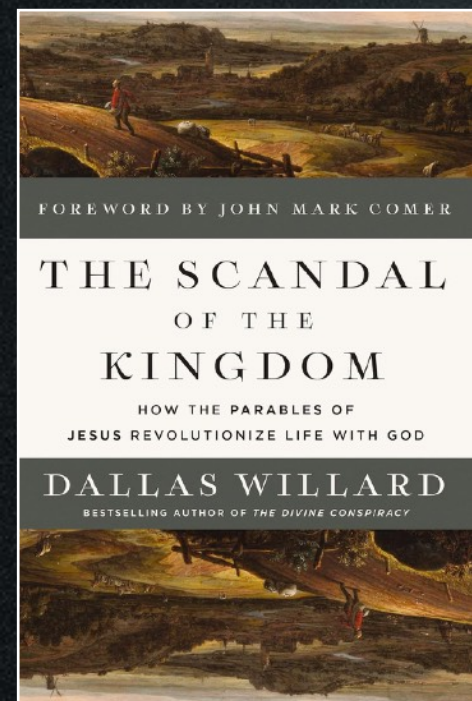
Chapter 6 (p. 87-105)

I - Seeds for the World — Matthew 13:24-30

II - Weeds Among the Wheat — IN & OF the Kingdom

III - The Loving Invitation — Matt. 13:47-50, Luke 13:19





Session 6 - "Growing Together in the Kingdom"

I - Seeds for the World — Matthew 13:24-30

"The field is the world"

"The good seeds are the sons & daughters of the Kingdom"

"The enemy who sowed the weeds is the devil"

The seeds either...

Received the Word of God [of the Kingdom] - or -
of the world "in the power of the evil one." 1 John 5:19



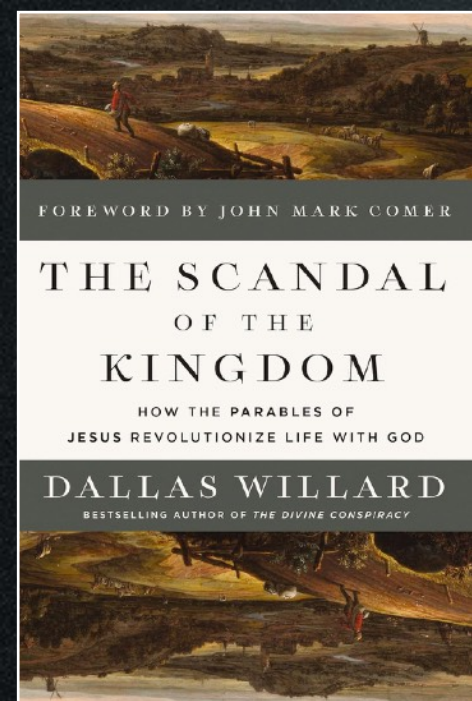


The Kingdom Biblical Spiritual Formation Process *

The implanted Word germinates new life born of the Spirit and it organizes a life of putting off the old person and putting on the new by all human power through Christ.

The renewed person is the good seed planted in the world arranged in Kingdom ways surrounded by tares who are given opportunity to become wheat through the implanted power of the Word. (89-90)

* - p. 88-90 present the knowledge of the Kingdom secrets of regeneration, discipleship, and evangelism.



Session 6 - “Growing Together in the Kingdom”

II - Weeds Among the Wheat

“The field is the world”

The field is not the church. The Parable of the Great Supper invites all kinds of people into the Kingdom.

Two types of people in the Parable of the Wheat & Tares

“Wheat” - IN the Kingdom and OF the Kingdom

“Tares” - IN the Kingdom but not OF the Kingdom

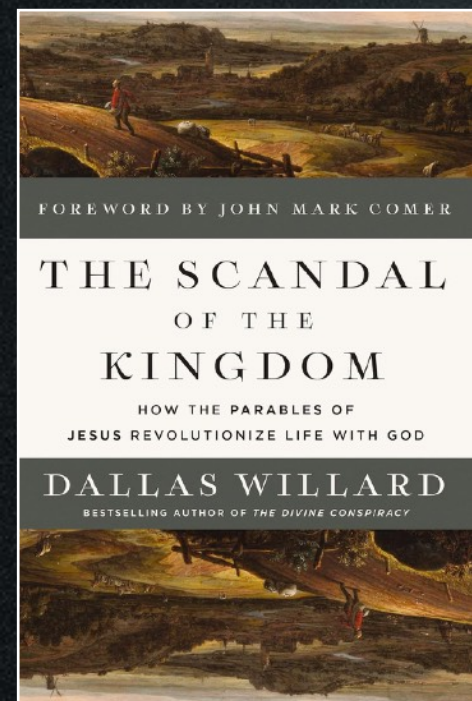
Christlikeness — IN the world but not OF the world

Christ-next-ness — IN but not OF the Kingdom

Why don't we just tear the tares out?

God allows the good wheat and the weeds to grow together in the Kingdom of God's world until the harvest. (91)





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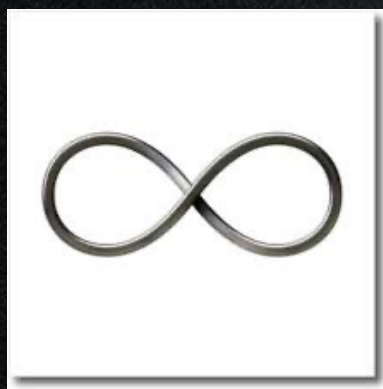
III - The Loving Invitation

"The Kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet"

No sorting is done in the net.

Two types of people:

- ? – IN the Kingdom OF worldly character
- † – IN the Kingdom OF Kingdom character



"They are not of the world.
Keep them from the evil one.
Sanctify them by your truth."

John 17:14-18

How are we to think about “In” but not “Of”?

Picture an oasis in a desert landscape.

The springs and the pools are IN the desert but not OF it.

They come from hidden passageways in the earth.

They are not of the same nature as the desert. (93)

You can be IN something without being OF it.

— Origin and Nature (character)

John 3 - OF the Kingdom = Born of the Word in origin and nature — the abundant life in the fullest sense — lived from the hidden sources that come from the soul and the Kingdom of God. No matter where or what happens.

Simply stand and walk as disciples of Christ.

(94)

More thinking about “IN” and “OF”...

We can find the reality that assures us and makes clear that we are both IN and OF the Kingdom of God.

“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”
Matthew 6:13 (KJV)

We can know the power of the risen Christ...
...if we choose to know it.

Disciples of Jesus Christ wish to be like Him, and [we] arrange and rearrange the details of [our] lives so that [we] may be like Him.

For those "IN" but not "OF" in the Kingdom...

The wide net cast means people are IN the Kingdom but their character is not OF the Kingdom.

Thoughts & desires from the world.

Their nature is restricted to the world.

They have seen it but they are not of it. (95)

"Tasting and falling away, holding the Son of God in contempt."

Hebrews 6:4-6 (NRSVue)

They have been told. They have felt. They have tasted.

Yet in their hearts they have said No, it is not the most important thing in this world for me to be like Jesus Christ.

(96)

Sower soil sample #3 - Weeds of Treasures & Pleasures.

The Great Supper excuses of property, possessions, and people.

4 Reasons for Kingdom Presence Minus Discipleship

- They have not been challenged to be a disciple.
- They have not been taught how to be a disciple.
- They have turned away from the challenge or teaching.
- They have never heard about the Kingdom of God.

The “church” is the building not the people infiltrating the whole world.

This will continue until people realize the solution to the human problem is not a human solution. (96)

The Solution — Learning to live in the Kingdom of God through apprenticeship to Jesus Christ and increasingly becoming like Him and OF His Kingdom. (97)

God and His Kingdom in Charge

The Kingdom of God originated late in the history of Israel.

Daniel 4:34-35, Nehemiah, Psalm 145:9-13

Like Nebuchadnezzar, we forget who is in charge.

That's why so many larger churches get in trouble.

The Church — those called out by God to establish...

Kingdom Outposts as Beachheads (99, 100, 102)

- Our first and foremost calling - “come” before “go”
- A touchpoint between heaven and earth

We are training to reign over a new heaven and earth!

*“Now the kingdom of God is the greatest thing
that’s ever happened to the earth.”*

Dallas Willard

“The Parabolic Teaching About
Christ’s Kingdom by Christ Himself “

#5 @ 30:03

Bringing in Many Kinds of People (100-102)

The Kingdom of God is the rule of God over everything.

The Old Testament story - a light to the entire earth
The New Testament Story - to the highways & byways

God casts a wide net and it draws all kinds of people.

Sometimes we wonder how all these different kinds of birds landed there. This is what we should expect.

Consider Judas following Jesus for the wrong reasons.

“Why are you following me?” John 6:53-66

“The church is over enrolled and under committed.”

Dallas Willard, “Parabolic Teaching” #5 @ 34:50

*The disciple of Jesus Christ is the individual
who has said, "The most important thing in this
world for me is to be like him."*

Dallas Willard
"The Parabolic Teaching About
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Kingdom Outposts (102)

When Jesus gave the great commission to His followers, He did not tell them to go start churches. He sent them out to establish beachheads of the Kingdom of God.

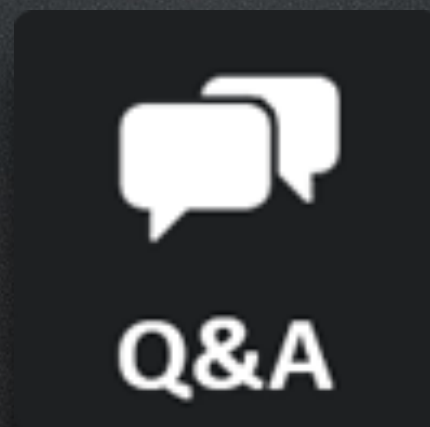
This is what happened in the book of Acts. What we call churches were a spinoff of those outposts because they grew up where the disciples established beachheads. These churches were all kinds of people out of the world and formed them into a peculiar kind of group that stood out in their community. Their task was to penetrate the surrounding territory and extend the beachhead, which they did successfully, and we now continue their work.

The accessibility of the Kingdom means our outpost will have weak and needy people...like a hospital...including distressing events, but we must always trust God with the outcome...with blessed assurance of a better country!

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Summary of Session 6

With the wheat and tears together, some are there for the wrong reasons, but we remember that our confidence is,

“Through Christ toward God”

2 Corinthians 3:4

We act in confidence out of the abundance, not out of scarcity, fear, or weakness but strength, fullness, and confidence. We enter into a power that is so great that we can speak of the Kingdom advancing among human beings. (104)



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Meditation – *Matthew 13:24-50*

Application

VISION - What will I look like as a disciple extending Kingdom beachheads?

INTENTION - Where am I OF the world not OF the Kingdom? Why?

MEANS - What tare or fish will I ravish with the Kingdom this week?



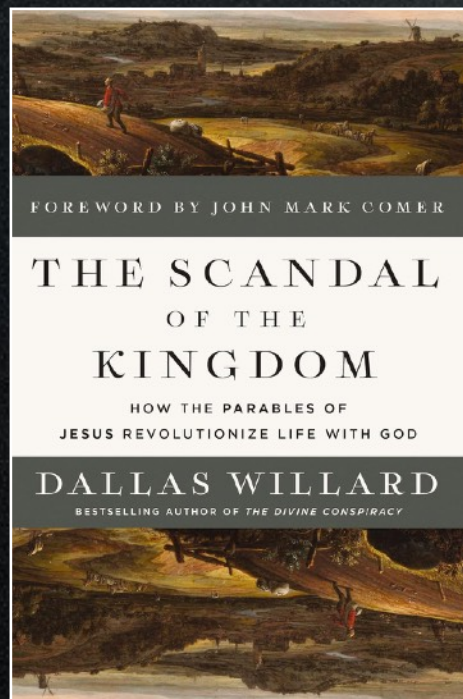
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**A Dallas Teaching (audio)
to complement Session 6**

- 1.) "The Parabolic Teaching About Christ's Kingdom by
Christ Himself" (audio)

#5: Growing Together Until the Harvest
Wheat & Tares and Dragnet [42:07]



Next Week — Session 7

“Growth & Responsibility”

Read Ch. 7 (106-121)

and

Luke 19:12-27, Matthew 25:14-30

and Luke 16:1-12

Dallas prays at the end of “Parabolic” teaching #5

“Lord, we are thankful for these words. We pray that they will trouble us, that we will be serious, we will understand that there are many folks who are in a sense in the confines of your kingly rule and yet who are not of it. May we so live and speak with clarity and force that others will come to be your disciples and walk with you always before them; walk in the light which you provide, follow you as you've called us to do.

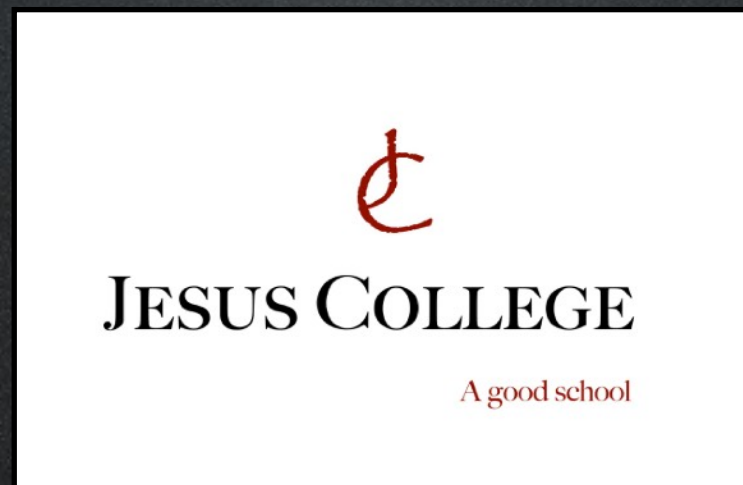
In Jesus' Name. Amen.”

“Growing Together Until the Harvest: The Tares in the Wheat, and the Net”

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“Training to be proficient in willing the good”



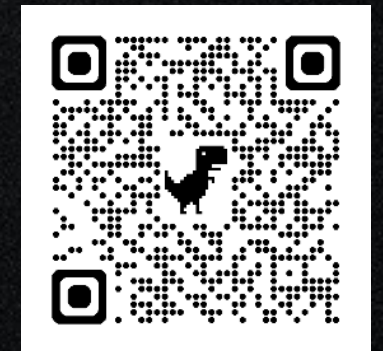
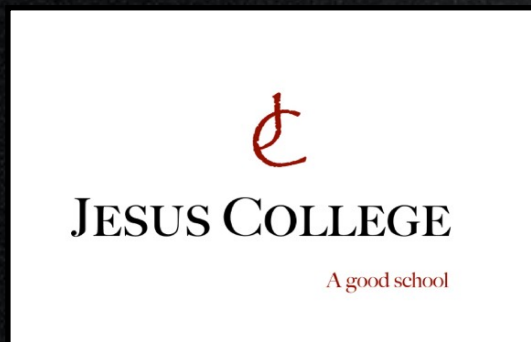
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