



Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O God, your ways are beyond our understanding and your mercy is wide enough to include everyone. May we lay aside our temptation to judge, and instead seek after your heavenly kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 13:41-43)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus' parables seem to leave many confused. But today's message is clear: God's kingdom is our greatest treasure, and it is this we should be seeking rather than the justification of our own views.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does it mean that the kingdom of heaven is a reaping of "good seed" and "weeds"? Which are you? How do you know? Whose job is it to discern good from bad, and to reap?

How can you grow like the "good seeds" in Jesus' parable? How might you make room in your life for others to grow alongside you?

For the littles: What does God's kingdom of heaven look like? What will you find there? One day you will live in God's kingdom of heaven!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God help you grow in faith and understanding. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Buy or grow a bonsai tree. As you tend it, remember Jesus' parable, and the promise that God's kingdom of heaven is ready for you.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday, Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wednesday, Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Friday, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

Saturday, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Gen. 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42