



## 1 | We are to preach the gospel regardless of who receives it.

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.”* **MATTHEW 13:47**

The net, representing the preaching of the gospel, *gathered fish of every kind*. It is not our role to choose the fish we attract. In the same way, it is not our role to judge those that we preach the gospel to. How have you embraced the calling to preach the gospel? Have you experienced preaching the gospel to people you don't like?

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## 2 | There is a coming judgment.

*<sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

**MATTHEW 13:48-50**

The picture that Jesus painted at the end of this parable was one of the coming judgment. The men who sorted the fish into good or bad represent the angels that will separate the evil from the righteous at the *end of the age*. God is the final judge. How does knowing that there is a coming judgment change the way you preach the gospel?

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### APPLICATION

- Every “fisher of men” first made the decision to follow Jesus. If you would like to make this decision, ask someone to pray with you.
- What are some ways you can preach the gospel without judgment? Pray that you would have God’s heart as you reach out to people for the kingdom.
- Ask God for two to three people that you can specifically approach to preach the gospel. Come up with three ways you can build your relationship with them.