MATTHEW 13

OBSERVATION

Read Matthew 13.

Divide the chapter into two main sections.

1. _____

2. _____

Which section takes up most of this chapter?

Are there particular words or phrases that are repeated?

What would you say is the theme of this passage?

INTERPRETATION (vv. 1–23)

This is a parable we're all familiar with. Do you think the first hearers understood it? How do you know?

Who was Jesus speaking to?

What does Jesus' command in v. 9 imply?

What are several ways someone could have responded to this command? How would you have responded to this command?

What do you think was the motivation behind the disciples' question in v. 10?

What does vv. 11–17 say about the particular people who were listening to Jesus?

Were all of Jesus' parables intended to hide the truth? How do you know?

EVALUATION (vv. 1–23)

What do you learn about the nature of salvation in light of vv. 11–12?

What is a bad response you could have based on this truth?

How would you counter this bad response from the passage itself?

What other passages of Scripture could you use to support this?

What do you learn about the nature of salvation in light of this passage?

APPLICATION (vv. 1–23)

What is your initial reaction to Jesus in this passage?

What does this tell you about your assumptions/beliefs about God? Salvation?

What kind of soil do you tend to be?

What sin should you confess and repent of in view of this passage?

What affirmations should you make in light of this Word—affirmations about God, Christ, myself, others, and the world?

What should you thank God for in light of this passage?

What changes should you make in your investment of time, money, energy, or personal resources in view of the truth of this passage?

What prayer should you pray for yourself or your family or your friends or your enemies in light of what you have seen in the Word?