



Innovative Truth

Bringing Scripture to Life

March 2024

Dear Friends,

Two of the early lessons we taught to our small groups and the online Discord group during this Lenten season were the Parables of the Wheat and the Tares and the Sower and the Seed. Like Uncle Screwtape discusses in C.S. Lewis' [Screwtape Letters](#), the mistreatment from Christians to non-believers is an often used reason for the lack of commitment to Christ. Feeling bullied or laughed at is a sad theme we have heard from non-believers. We used these two parables to dig into those excuses by sharing that non-believers who do not like hypocrites from the church are in good company with Jesus. We talked about how these two parables really highlight that God knows there are false believers. Jesus warned there will be disappointing people along our journey, but to not be led astray or kept away from Him by them.

We are overjoyed to share that two participants, who were hurt by Christians, have stated their desire to commit their lives to Christ!

As the parables teach, we don't know how God is going to use us. In 1 Corinthians 3:6 we are called to keep planting and watering the seeds, and then surrender our trust to God for the growth. Our personal focus this Lenten season has been to intentionally SURRENDER. It has been humbling to

watch God pull all of this together and ultimately increase the number of souls in God's Kingdom.



WE HAVE A PARTNER REQUEST

Participants have said they are moved by hearing the testimony of how and when Christians committed their lives to Christ. **Would you please email or snail-mail your testimony to us?** We have included a self-addressed stamped envelope. We would like to incorporate your testimony into our lessons after Easter. If you are tech-savvy and want to record your

testimony, PLEASE DO! You can email Tom at tomjamesallen@gmail.com or Tonya at tvenezia08@gmail.com

We say it in every letter, and it is not said with an ounce of insincerity, **we cannot do this without YOU!** Your partnership is imperative to the ministry. Please let us know how we specifically can be praying for you. We love hearing from you. YOUR prayers and faithful generosity is rescuing people into Christ's magnificent light!

With all our love,