

**SCC SMALL GROUP FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT SERIES**  
**RELATIONAL WEEDING Part 3 of 8**  
**Sunday Message - September 25, 2022**

**Getting Started:**

What kinds of unrealistic expectations have you ever had about relationships?  
(Especially romantic ones!)

**Ask someone to read Matthew 13:24-26.** If you were to describe some “weeds” that might come up in a relationship, what might they be?

Look at the list covering “Realities of relational weeds” in pastor Scott’s outline. Can you give examples of some or all of these in terms of human interactions?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**LET THE WEEDING BEGIN!**

- A. Matthew 15:13 says that our heavenly father uproots what He hasn’t planted. Can you think of an example of this in your own life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. What is the difference between “cutting down” a problem, hurt or fear and “uprooting it”? (See Galatians 5:16-17 and Romans 12:2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. In contrast to weeds, what is some of the best relational seed we can plant? (See Matthew 13:3, Proverbs 11:30)

- D. What are some ways the good seeds listed in the outline counter the bad seeds? If both kinds of seeds grow together in the same relational garden what happens? (look at Matthew 13:7 & 24-26 again)
- E. How does the fact that God knows everything about us (see Psalm 139:1-3) motivate you in your relational weeding?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

- A. Matthew 12:33 says “the tree is known by its fruit” Can you think of some good relational fruit has come from letting God search your heart (See Psalm 1:23-24)
- B. Is there anything you want to admit, apologize of ask forgiveness for, that feels like a weed in your life? (See James 5:16)

For additional encouragement on this topic, check out the five day study plan: “Growing Season” in the YouVersion Bible app <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/15507>