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**What is your response? – Matthew 13:47-52**

**The gospel message**

v47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered every kind of fish.

*Question 1 - Icebreaker:* Think back to when you first heard the Gospel – Where were you? What were you doing? How did you hear it?

*Question 2:* What was your response?

*Question 3:* How different was that first respond to how you respond today?

*Question 4:* Why?

**Separation and judgement**

v48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*Question 5:* Are you really changed by your contact with Jesus or are you still changing?

*Question 6:* What do you spend the most time cherishing, is God first?

*Question 7:* How might you be different if you really did live from and within this end times horizon?

**Have you understood?**

v51 “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.”

*Question 8:* Have you understood all these things?

**Go and do likewise**

v52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Question 9:* How are you being called to spread the Gospel?

*Question 10:* How can we at Christ Church demonstrate that the Kingdom of Heaven is accessible for all – the wealthy in our locality and the poor?