



The Dragnet

WK 56 Matthew

WARM UP: *If you've ever had a garage sale, how did you decide what to keep and what to get rid of? With the proceeds from the garage sale or moving sale, what worthy item would you purchase?*

That's a keeper! This is the excited call of someone who has caught a fish that is in season and is the right size to bring home to either be eaten or mounted on the wall as a trophy. If you know anything about fishing at all, few of the fish you catch are going to be keepers. Most are neither a keeper or a trophy or even the right kind of fish that is in season and have to be thrown back.

Like the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the dragnet deals with the separation of the righteous and the evil and judgment. But unlike the parable of the wheat and the weeds, this focus of this parable is on the final judgment and the punishment that will follow it.

READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 13:47-52

1. *What is a dragnet and how does one fish with it?*
2. *How does the fishermen decide what to keep and what to throw away?*
3. *How does Jesus connect this parable with the kingdom of heaven and the judgment?*
4. *How does this parable connect with the parable of the weeds and the wheat? How does it differ?*
5. **Read vv. 51-52.** *Who are the teachers of the old Law who have been instructed in the new Gospel?*
6. *What is the value of spending time in the Old Testament? What does it have to teach us when compared to the value of spending time in the New Testament and how are we to connect the two?*
7. *What mistake could be made in neglecting one over the other?*
8. *Right now, what needs sorting out in your spiritual garage or basement? What is most likely to be found in your spiritual storage: trivia, trash, or treasure?*