

Loft Underground
What the Hell – Part Two
Hell Breaking In

The expression “the world is going straight to hell” has got it, like most expressions, half-right. Our world at times heads the wrong direction, but the reason could be that hell is headed toward the world – not the other way around. Just as Jesus came down from heaven to bring the Kingdom of God upon the earth, hell is also trying to break into our lives and world.

A Parable: Read Matthew 13: 24-30

Summarize this parable in your own words.

List places where you see good and evil ‘growing together’.

Looking back at the parable, what would you imagine are the motives of ‘the enemy?’

What ‘weeds’ can you see that maybe are growing in you? Why, do you think they are there?

Going Deeper Into the Message

Read Matthew 10:28. Jesus speaks about ‘not being afraid’. Is this possible? Why?

Make a list of things of which you are afraid. Do they share anything in common?

Are you a person who is afraid of sharing their faith? Be honest – why or why not?

Use this link - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JHS8adO3hM> This is a youtube video Rob Renfro used in a sermon featuring known atheist Penn Jillette. What does he say about hell?

What is the connection, would you say, between hell and evangelism?

Personal Application

Find James 3:6 and copy it below.

James believes that the tongue is an instrument of evil - now continue reading the James 3: 7-12. What is James' point about human speech?

Think back – what was the worst thing that you said this week. Write it down word for word. Circle the most offensive word.

Now spend time in prayer, and ask God for forgiveness from those words. Cross out the sentence above.

Go back and re-read Matthew 13:24-30. This week intentionally see how long you can go without saying the word or phrase circled above.