

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Net"

Introduction:

- A. *Matthew 13:47-50* is one of the many "kingdom of heaven" parables of Jesus.
B. *"The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind."*

I. "The Bad"

- A. The _____ Fish — likes dark, muddy places.
- B. The _____ Fish — frequently back-paddling.
- C. The _____ Fish — routinely puffs itself up.
- D. The _____ — snakelike and hard to catch.
- E. The _____ Fish — can't coexist with others.
- F. The _____ Turtle — will snap at or bite anything that comes near.
- G. The _____ Fish — an unusually long snout to poke at others.
- H. The _____ Fish — no backbone.

II. "The Good"

- A. The _____ Perch — lives in the sunny parts of the stream.
- B. The _____ Trout — known for its bright, distinctive streak.
- C. The _____ — relentless in its fight to get home.