

SERMON NOTES

8th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A* July 23, 2023
Sermon by the Reverend Andrew Lazo

Isaiah 44:6-8 * Psalm 86 * Romans 8:12-25 *
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Unseen Hope

Psalm 86:15: You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

- ✦ It's probably wise to be a little **s**_____ about
"the **g**_____ **o**_____ **d**_____"
- ✦ In fact, it's a more **a**_____ **r**_____ to the way
things are to **g**_____.
- ✦ We can **r**_____ to the weeds in our lives in two ways:
t_____ **G**_____ to deal with them, and **p**_____ that they
b_____ **w**_____.
- ✦ We too should be **g**_____, **c**_____,
p_____, **k**_____, and **t**_____.

Next Week's Lessons

I Kings 3:5-12 * Psalm 119:129-136 * Romans 8:26-39 *
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group,
or a friend

1. How do we see all creation groaning?
2. How can I start to think about my groaning as a sign of birth pains—what do I want to see come alive?
3. How have I been a weed in someone else's life?
4. How can I bear fruit as wheat, and nourish others?
5. What quality of God from the Psalm today will I work on this week?
6. PRAY:
 - ◆ Ask God's patience and compassion in dealing with others.
 - ◆ Pray for faith to have hope, even when I don't see it.
 - ◆ Repent of times when I haven't been kind towards someone struggling.
 - ◆ Ask God to save the weeds in my life.
 - ◆ For any needs in your group.