

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

The Parable of the Treasure



Opening

1. The focus of the parables we are preaching through is the kingdom of God. How would you explain the kingdom of God to a friend or co-worker?

Going Deeper

Read Matthew 13:44-46

1. What are some of your first impressions of these two parables?
2. Why do you think Jesus adds the parable of the pearl? How does it differ from the parable of the treasure?
3. The main message of this parable is the incomparable value of discovering Christ his Kingdom. For believers who have grown up in Christian homes, it is easy to lose sight of what we have in Christ.
 - a. Make a list of what we gain when we come to know Christ.
 - b. Which of these do you need to be reminded of most?

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4. Both of these parables challenge cultural assumptions about religion, both then and now. How do they challenge us in our pluralistic society today?
 - a. If someone were to say to you “how can you claim that the Christian faith has it right and every other religion has it wrong,” how would you respond?
5. In the parable of the treasure, we see that the man is not coerced, but compelled by joy to sell all he had. What does this teach us about the Christian faith?
6. Sacrifice and submission are central to the Christian faith (See Luke 14:26-27). Reflect on your our journey of faith, where have you experienced God’s call to sacrificial obedience?
7. Discuss the following quote by Dale Brunner: *“It is not by telling people to sacrifice that they make sacrifices. It is first by telling people of God’s treasures that people sell what is necessary for the costly but joyous acquisition.”*

Close in Prayer