

Final Kingdom: Hidden Treasure Parable

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Matthew 13:44-46

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Reflection & Discussion

Every generation has some item that becomes treasured

*What qualities make something treasured? How do you know something is really treasured?

*Kyle rewrote the parable story with something that was like a treasure to him growing up. How would you have rewritten this parable at some point in your life?

Jesus tells a story of hidden treasure

Read and discuss Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

⁴⁴ *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

⁴⁵ *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

*What does this story tell us about the Kingdom of God?

*What can you understand about the nature of the treasure? What remains mysterious?

Possessing the treasure was the point, the future, the end

It's valuable because it is the ultimate treasure, both now and forever.

*How does obtaining a treasure change things?

*In what way does this parable invite our honest reflection about what we treasure and desire?

*What lesser treasures are you holding on to right now?

The Kingdom of God is where we find our deepest and truest joy

Kingdom joy can feel elusive when we think about the Kingdom in a future only context or don't actively participate.

*Would you say you are experiencing joy in the Kingdom right now? Are you able to be curious about your answer to that?

*What is a concrete and tangible reminder of the Kingdom you can recognize?

*Can you tell about a time joy was a byproduct of participating in the life with God?

The Kingdom treasure can be easy to miss in the chaos of the world and the everyday

The Kingdom can sometimes remain small and quiet.

*How have you found the Kingdom life to be easy to miss in the loud overwhelming world we live in?

*What actually helps you to slow down to notice and respond to the Kingdom treasure?

*Are there things getting in the way of the joy of life with God right now?

*What is the Spirit prompting you to do with this picture of the Kingdom of God?

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