

# Message Notes

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**Bible Focus:** Matthew 13:44-46

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## The Story of the Hidden Treasure

**Matthew 13:44** – “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.”

## The Story of the Costly Pearl

**Matthew 13:45-46** – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

## The Kingdom of Heaven...

1. Is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Matthew 13:44-46

1. How have you recently seen man-centered and God-centered values play out in your life and the lives of others? Is it usually obvious which is the priority?
2. How do you identify with the two stories we're looking? When you first came across the Kingdom of Heaven, was your reaction similar to the two men in these parables, or did you respond differently?
3. Retell in your own words these two stories that Jesus told. How can these stories help you help an unbeliever see the surpassing value of the Kingdom of Heaven?
4. What makes the Kingdom of Heaven superior in value? List as many reasons as possible.
5. In what tangible ways has your life recently benefited from the joy that comes to citizens of God's Kingdom?
6. If you had to give up everything for the Kingdom of God, would you? What does your response say about the value you attribute to citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven?
7. How do you hope this message will impact your life and the lives of unbelievers you know?