

**Reflection Questions:** On what do I put my highest value? Do friends, family, possessions, or anything else take the place of God's kingdom in my heart? What is God's kingdom worth to me? Is it my highest priority? Why or why not? Am I willing to set everything aside in order to follow Jesus? What will this look like?

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Those who discern this treasure in the field, and value it aright, will never be at ease until they have made it their own on any terms.*

Matthew Henry

*You are converted to Christ when Christ becomes for you a treasure chest of holy joy.*

John Piper

*The point of this parable is that the kingdom of heaven, the glad recognition of God's rule over heart and life including salvation for the present and for the future for soul and ultimately also for the body, the great privilege of thereby being made a blessing to others for the glory of God, all this is a treasure so inestimably precious that one who obtains it is willing to surrender for it whatever could interfere with having it.*

William Hendriksen

*These two parables are meant to teach us that men really convinced of the importance of salvation will give up everything to win Christ and eternal life. Those who have truly seen the kingdom, those who have seen its value, those whose hearts have been made by the grace of the Spirit to see the value of the kingdom, the value of salvation, the value of the Lord Jesus Christ are ready to give up everything else for it.*

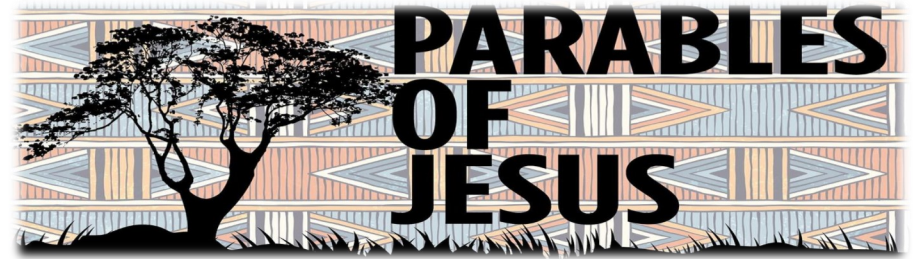
J.C. Ryle

*We are so captivated by the allurements of the world, that eternal life fades from our view; and in consequence of our carnality, the spiritual graces of God are far from being held by us in the estimation which they deserve.*

John Calvin

*The problem with most of us is that we would like a little of the kingdom as an add-on to the rest of our lives. We want to hedge our bets. You cannot hedge your bets with the kingdom. This parable urges us to abandon what we thought was the focus of life and focus entirely on what God is doing with the kingdom.*

Klyne Snodgrass



Hidden Treasure and Pearl  
Matthew 13:44-46

*Sermon*  
Notes

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What are the similarities between the two parables in *Matthew 13:44-46*? What are the differences between them?
3. What is Jesus' point in these two parables?
4. How do these two men react to what they find (*Matthew 13:44-46*)? What does this indicate about how we should react to Jesus' teachings and to whatever God asks of us?
5. What was the man in *Luke 9:57-58* not willing to give up to follow Jesus?
6. Why did the man in *Luke 9:59-60* not want to follow Jesus immediately?
7. What was the man in *Luke 9:61-62* not willing to give up to follow Jesus?
8. Read *Matthew 19:16-30*. What prevented this man from entering the *kingdom of heaven* and having *eternal life*?
9. What must a person do before he can follow Christ according to *Matthew 16:24*? What does this mean?
10. What must a person be willing to do with everything in his life before he can become a Christian? What kind of exchange must take place?
11. What can the *kingdom of heaven* and salvation not be bought with? Support your answer from Scripture.
12. Read *Philippians 3:4-11*. What things did Paul think would get him to heaven before he was saved? How did he regard those things after he became a Christian?
13. What does it cost us to be a follower of Jesus? What additional price, if any, might God be asking us to pay as we follow our Lord?
14. What did our deliverance from sin's curse and bondage cost Jesus?
15. Why don't we demonstrate more through an obvious, visible lifestyle that God's kingdom is the highest priority for us, even to the point that life becomes noticeably less comfortable than it otherwise might be?
16. In the parable of the hidden treasure, the man who found it reacted with joy. In the following verses, who is the object of joy?  
*Psalm 35:9* — *Romans 5:11* —  
  
*Psalm 43:4* — *Philippians 4:4* —  
  
*Isaiah 61:10* —  
  
 Where do you find your true joy?