

**Gospel of Matthew “A Gem of a Parable”**  
**Matthew 13:44-46**  
**June 11, 2023**

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44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The kingdom of God is unexpected.

Joy is a buoyancy of gladness because of what has happened and will happen.

John 16:21

21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

The treasure is Jesus bringing His good rule and wonderful reign to bear.

When you truly encounter the treasure, you wholesale your entire life.

It is more than a good trade.

Mark 10:29-30

29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

In joy the worker and the merchant sell everything and they got richer!

How do you know you have received this treasure?

Philippians 3:7-9

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

The treasure tells them everything they need to do.

### **Grow Group Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Have you ever found something or realized you had something that was very valuable? Did you keep it? Sell it?
- How was your initial exposure to the Kingdom a surprise, what were the curious details of how you became aware of Jesus and the kingdom?
- Discuss how joy is the best fuel for sacrifice. What do you make of a decision to follow Christ or a sacrifice given without joy?
- What are some ways to recover your joy if it is waning?
- What does it sound like when you are bartering a trade with God for a blessing? What is the difference when our offerings are more worshipful?
- How do you know if your whole life is still on the offering table?
- How can your Grow Group stoke joy in one another this week?