

God's Treasure

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Sermon in a Sentence: In the Kingdom we find purpose, community, and hope, and that's part of what makes the Kingdom of God so irresistible.

Application: Jesus tells 4 stories that teach us that the kingdom starts small but spreads wide and it is so important that it's worth any sacrifice we need to make to obtain it. When we find the Kingdom we find the purpose, community, and hope that is only found in Jesus.

Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):

- **Have you ever been told you look like someone famous?**
- **What was the worst job you've ever had?**

Diving In:

- **Have you ever found something unexpected?** Extra money, a discovery in the woods, something that makes life easier?
- **Read Matthew 13: 31-32 (Mustard Seed), 33 (Yeast), 44 (Treasure), 45-46 (Pearl)**
- **Examine each parable. What point is Jesus making? Where is God in the parable?**

Through these parables we learn that the Kingdom starts small, spreads unseen, and has surpassing value.

What is it about the Kingdom that makes it so attractive?

Going Deeper:

In the Kingdom we fulfill our purpose

Read Matthew 28: 18-20

- **Do you think Jesus is talking to the people in front of Him, or to all believers?**
- **What are we being asked to do?**
- **Is this intimidating to you? Confusing?**
- **When is the last time you got to talk with someone about your faith in Christ?**

In the Kingdom we engage in Community

- **Read John 13: 34-35**
- **True or False, it is possible to love each other from a distance?**
- **How should we treat people who look or act different from us?**
- **What do we gain by learning to love people who are outside our normal interactions?**

In the Kingdom we find Hope

- **Read John 3: 3-4, 16-17**
- **Why was Jesus sent?**
- **What is the hope we have in Jesus?**

We started by asking, what would make someone give up everything? In the Kingdom we find Purpose, Community, and Hope.

How can we pray for you?