

Parables  
Week 8  
4/12/26  
Matthew 13:44-46

## The Treasure in the Field and the Pearl of Great Price

### I. The Treasure in the Field (Matthew 13:44)

1. Context:
  - A. No banks, no safes
  - B. People buried valuables to protect them
  - C. Many treasures remained hidden
2. Value:
  - A. Worth more than EVERYTHING else he owned
  - B. Left it all behind

### II. The Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45-46)

1. The Merchant:
  - A. Wealthy
  - B. Knowledgeable
  - C. Knew exactly what he was looking for
2. Value:
  - A. Worth more than EVERYTHING else he owned
  - B. Left it all behind

### III. How WE Find the Treasure

1. Sometimes we stumble onto it
2. Sometimes we search for it
3. Not everyone finds Christ the same way
4. The response is always surrender

### IV. In His JOY He Goes and Sells All

1. Selling everything was not reluctant surrender
2. Not forced obedience
3. A Joyful exchange
4. What he ended up with was worth far more than what he gave up

### V. The Call to Die

1. Luke 9:23 - take up our cross and follow Him
2. Luke 14:33 - anyone who does not renounce all...cannot be my disciple
3. Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified
4. Matthew 16: Save life = lose it!
5. The kingdom is free, but it will cost you everything!

### VI. God, Our Highest Priority:

1. When Christ Becomes our Greatest Treasure
  - A. Obedience stops feeling oppressive
  - B. Generosity stops feeling painful
  - C. Worship stops feeling optional

- D. Surrender stops feeling scary
- 2. Who or what is on the throne of you life
- 3. Let's be all in!

**LifeGroup Questions:**

1. *Optional IceBreaker: If your house were burning down (and everyone was out), but you had 1 minute to go back and grab one thing to save, what would you grab and why?*
2. When did you start following Christ? Were you searching for it like the pearl trader, or stumble upon it like the worker?
3. In the parable, the two men both went and sold everything...did anything immediately change in our life when you found the treasure?
4. Jesus calls us to surrender our control, ambitions, reputation, comfort, and even our safety! Which one is the easiest and which is the hardest for you?
5. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily (Luke 9:23). Is there something God might be asking you to surrender or reprioritize? What would it/could it look like to do that with Joy this week!?