

**Small Group Discussion Guide**  
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*Parables: What Jesus Really Thinks*  
“It’s Worth the Cost”  
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**Welcome**

What is one of your most prized possessions?

**Word**

1. What do the parables in Matthew 13:44-46 teach about the value of the Kingdom of Heaven? How would you describe the Kingdom of God/Heaven? With what emotion and energy should it be pursued?
2. What does it mean to “sell everything” for the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. Can a person buy their way into the Kingdom of Heaven? Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 6:23.
4. What joy has the Kingdom of Heaven brought into your life?
5. What has it cost you personally to “buy” the treasure/pearl?
6. How did Paul describe what the treasure meant to him? Read Philippians 3:7-8.
7. What does it mean to be “rich toward God”? Read Luke 12:16-21.
8. What makes a person reluctant to buy the treasure? For an example read Matthew 19:16-24.

**Weave**

1. Compared to the man and the merchant, how valuable is the kingdom to you?
  - (a) It’s worth more than anything else.
  - (b) I think I’d miss too many of the other things.
  - (c) I’m not ready to carry all this so far.
2. In planning to become “rich toward God,” what will you do this week? This year?