

STARVE THE MONSTER

PART TWO: OVERVALUED MONSTER

What do you value? And more importantly, why do you value it? Often, the belief that what you're pursuing has greater value than what you have drives the sense of entitlement most of us feel. But what if the monster has caused you to overvalue what you're chasing?

BIG IDEA: Overvaluing the wrong things will cause you to overlook the best things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever spent 'too much' money on something you ended up regretting later?
2. It's almost impossible to believe that the Dutch tulip bubble of 1634 -1637 actually happened, but it did. Is there anything you see around you today that you think might be overvalued?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Matthew 13:44-46.*

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Matthew 13:44-46 (NLT)

4. How does Jesus reset our understanding of what's valuable in the parables he tells in Matthew 13:44-46?
5. Does it strike you as strange that the kingdom of heaven would be perceived as having the greatest value of all? Why or why not?
6. If you audited your spending for a month, do you suspect it would reveal that you've overvalued some things? What do you think you might find?

MOVING FORWARD

Track your spending for the next 30 days. As you track your spending, look at what you are spending where. Ask yourself. What does that tell you about your real value system? Have you overvalued certain things? Undervalued any? What in your spending reflects the priorities that matter to God? What adjustments should you make?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Matthew 13:45-46