

Sermon Notes
July 14, 2019 – Matthew 13:44-46
Jesus Stories 1: The Treasure

Summary: By nature, we are enslaved in using our lives, relationships & resources in ways for which they were not designed by God, so our lives need to be put under new management. Jesus came to give us life in the Kingdom of Heaven as a free gift. It costs us the privilege of ruling over our own lives, but when we see the true worth of life with Jesus as our king, it is a trade that we readily make.

Intro: A story of slavery – Ishmael Beah

- A. It is estimated that there are 40 million people in the world today who are _____
- B. Our twisted understanding of freedom
 - 1. We think that freedom means being able to do what we _____
 - 2. The actual meaning of freedom means to operate in accordance with God's _____
- C. The solution is not to do different things
 - 1. What we need is for our lives to come under new _____

I. The Kingdom of Heaven

- A. Jesus came with the _____ (Mt. 3:2)
- B. The implications of living under a _____
- C. The _____ of the Kingdom of Heaven

II. The Cost

- A. The privilege of _____ over our own lives
- B. The S_____ -Directed Life
- C. The C_____ -Directed Life

III. The Kingdom of Heaven is Priceless

- A. Because we get to grow closer to _____
- B. Because we get to see the _____ through Jesus' eyes
- C. Because we get to see _____ through Jesus' eyes

Conclusion:

- A. National Youth Gathering _____: Worthless - There is nothing that you are worth less than (Rom. 5:8)
- B. Jesus has set the _____ of heaven before you
- C. What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you?
- D. Application: How does this message apply to your life?
