



SNAPSHOTS *of the* KINGDOM

Exploring the Parables of Jesus

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Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

QUESTION:

What is Jesus teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven in these parables?

STUDY TIP:

Look for the surprise. What is surprising in these stories?

KEY IDEAS:

Nothing in life is more valuable than living with God in His Kingdom—it’s worth sacrificing everything for. It is the greatest treasure we’ll encounter or experience.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Parables are intended to provoke the heart to reflect

- Does giving up everything and anything to gain life with God in his kingdom feel like a “no-brainer” to you? Or does it feel like a bad deal?
- What is your heart prone to love and treasure more than Jesus and His Kingdom?
- Is pursuing God a joyful endeavor that you can do gladly? Or does it primarily feel like a chore you do begrudgingly or under compulsion?

APPLICATION:
