Slide 1:
Matthew 13:44-46

Slide 2: Treasure Hunting….

Treasure = same word used by moses to describe the treasures of Egypt

Jewish Rabbinic Law: “If a man finds scattered fruit or money, it belongs to the finder.”

Slide 3: The Pearls

Pearls were the most valuable gem in the Ancient Near East

3 tons of oysters yield 3-4 perfect pearls

Slide 4: Purpose of the Story

1. Christ is the greatest treasure we could ever possess.
2. Not everyone recognizes the treasure of God’s truth.

The treasure of the kingdom is unrecognized, unknown, and walked over by millions of people.

“The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Corinthians 2:14

Slide 5: The Purpose of the Story

3. Salvation cannot be inherited; it must be received.

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from life to death.” John 5:24

4. Jesus is the only way but people are saved in different ways

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me.” Isaiah 65:1

Slide 6: The Purpose of the Story:

5. Knowing Jesus naturally leads to joy

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11

6. Salvation is free but costly

“The kingdom of heaven is worth infinitely more than the cost of discipleship, and those who know where the treasure lies, joyfully abandon everything else to secure it.” - D.A. Carson

Slide 7. Are you ready to step out of your comfort zone?

“Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” Luke 9:58