



MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE



Sermon Discussion Questions - October 9 & 11, 2026

Matthew Part 4: Week 1

Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52

Ice Breaker: *This week, we came back to Matthew and looked at several of Jesus's mini-parables about the Kingdom of God.*

- **Q1: Which of the parables resonated with or ministered to you most this weekend? Why?**

Read Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52 together. The Kingdom of God may begin small and hidden, but it is growing, spreading, and transforming lives.

- **Q2: Where have you seen the Kingdom of God growing and transforming the world during your walk with Jesus?**
- **Q3: What about our moment in history feels bleak right now? Where do you need to be reminded that the Kingdom of God is still making an impact?**

As Christians, we are called to settle our hearts in the patient work of the Kingdom. God is at work even when we can't immediately see the results.

- **Q4: Where are you personally feeling impatient or discouraged about the growth and transforming power of God's Kingdom?**

The Kingdom is worth immeasurably more than anything we could give up to gain it.

- **Q5: Where are you settling for cheap substitutes rather than joyfully pursuing Jesus right now?**
- **Q6: How can you intentionally grow in your captivity with Jesus this week?**

The man who found the treasure and the merchant who found the pearl both gave up everything they had with joy because they had discovered something of immeasurable value.

- **Q7: How are you experiencing the joy of the Kingdom in this season of your life?**

The world will continue to contain both evil and righteousness until Judgment Day, when God will establish His Kingdom in full.

- **Q8: Where do you need to trust the Lord to judge evil in His timing rather than growing discouraged or trying to take justice into your own hands?**

The final parable points us toward the treasure of Scripture. Good Bible teaching treasures Christ in all of Scripture.

- **Q9: Are there certain parts of Scripture you tend to neglect instead of seeking out Christ in them?**
- **Q10: How does knowing that Jesus can be seen throughout His Word change the way you want to read and study Scripture this week?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!