

Get Involved with Us as We Pursue Excellence, Value ALL People, Fuel and Display Passion,
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5-17-26 Deep Dive

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Matthew 13 — The Kingdom, New Creation, and the Restoration of Identity

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 13:33–46 - Matthew 13:38 - Luke 15 - Genesis 3:8–9 - Colossians 2:14–15

Hebrews 9:13–14; 10:19–22 - Romans 6–8 - Galatians 4:4–7 - Ephesians 1:5

Revelation 21:1–5

Opening Question — Follow-Up From Last Week

Last week we wrestled with this challenge: “Where in your life have you been giving credit to the *medium* instead of recognizing God as the true *Source*?”

Call to Action Review: What blessing, relationship, or provision did you intentionally trace back to God this week — and how did that awareness shape the way you loved, gave, or served?

1. Jesus as the Man Who Bought the Field

“The field is the world... He emptied Himself because He knew the value that was in the field.”
How does seeing Jesus as the One who purchased the whole field reshape the way we see our worth — and the worth of others?

2. Treasure and Leaven — The Kingdom Working From Within

“The purpose of leaven is to leaven the whole lump.” Where have you seen God’s kingdom work quietly, slowly, but powerfully in your life or someone else’s?

3. Faith Works by Love, Not Condemnation

“Identity is about finding your value and your worth as new creations.” How does discovering your worth in Christ change the way you respond to failure, shame, or spiritual struggle?

4. The Cleansed Conscience vs. the Seared Conscience

“Legalism stops the flow of blood to the conscience... the conscience is purged with blood so we don’t feel naked, ashamed, and afraid.” Where have you experienced the difference between a conscience shaped by grace and one shaped by legalism?

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5. Heaven's View vs. Our Own View

Song of Solomon: *"She saw herself as black as the tents of Kedar... but the King saw her as altogether lovely."* What part of your identity has God been redefining — and what old labels is He stripping away?

6. Luke 15 — The Value of Lost Things

"The lost coin still had value... the father went looking for the older son." Which character in Luke 15 do you most identify with right now — the lost sheep, the lost coin, the younger son, or the older son? Why?

7. Living *From* God Instead of *For* God

"Adam was trying to live for God rather than living from God." What does it look like in practical terms to live *from* God's life instead of striving *for* God's approval?

8. New Creation as God's Central Mission

"Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything but new creation." (Gal. 6:15) How does understanding new creation — both individual and corporate — change the way we see the Church and our role in it?

9. From Adam to Christ — A Change of Humanity

Your notes say: *"Our old man is crucified... the body of sin destroyed... we moved out of the body of Adam and into the body of Christ."* Where do you still feel the pull of the "old man," and how does union with Christ speak into that struggle?

10. Adoption and the Cry of Abba

"Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba." How does the Spirit's cry of "Abba" reshape your relationship with God — especially in moments of weakness or fear?

Closing Call to Action — From This Week's Sermon

This week, practice seeing yourself — and others — through the value Christ saw when He bought the whole field. Choose one person in your life and intentionally treat them according to the worth God has placed in them, not according to their behavior, history, or brokenness. Let your actions reflect the truth that the treasure is already there — and Christ has already paid for it.