



STORY-FORMED

PARABLES OF JESUS

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl – Matthew 13:44-46

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God establishes his kingly reign through his Son Jesus Christ. Christ is the highest good and the person who sees His worth will joyfully treasure Him over all else.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What does Jesus mean when he speaks of the kingdom of heaven/God? Who and what is it about? Who or what does Jesus have in mind, then, when he likens it with the treasure and the pearl?
- Is there any significance in the first man finding the treasure by chance and the second man finding the pearl while looking for something of value? What could this mean? What makes both of them sell all their belongings?