

**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.

• Jesus Christ is the greatest treasure we could ever be given. And yet, in our day-to-day hurry, we often overlook this gift. Take a moment, consider all the

Father has given you in his Son. You might want to read aloud Ephesians 1: 3-14 and allow the words to voice your thanksgiving.

- In the parable, the man's poverty, disinterest and questionable morals didn't stop him discovering the treasure. Lewis said this was a picture of all our stories and shared his own version. What's your story of grace? (If you're using this study in your Community Group, you might want to connect with someone privately and share the story of how Christ saved you).
- Lack of self-esteem is considered a major problem in our culture. Maybe it's something you've wrestled with personally. How does the world deal with it? Are there any shortcomings with these methods? How might the gospel the good news that Jesus treasures us be a better remedy?