

Memory Verse:

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26 / ESV

Opening Discussion:



What is something you value so highly that you would give up everything else for it?

Matthew 13:44 / ESV "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Main idea: The Parable of the Hidden Treasure emphasizes the great value of God's Kingdom and the joyful response it invites.

About this Parable:

- + **The Setting:** A man works in a field doing ordinary labor when he discovers something extraordinary.
- + **The Accessibility:** The treasure is "hidden," indicating that while the Kingdom exists, it is frequently overlooked by those pursuing worldly gain.
- + **The Revelation:** Some individuals discover the Kingdom unexpectedly, like the man in the field, while others find it through diligent searching, like the merchant in the parable of the pearl.

1. There is a pricelessness to the kingdom of heaven
2. There is a preciousness to the kingdom of heaven

Application of this Parable:

To possess the kingdom of heaven, a necessary exchange must take place.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the man in the parable was so joyful about losing his earthly possessions to gain the treasure?
2. What does the immense value of the Kingdom of Heaven mean to you personally?
3. How can we apply the idea of "joyful sacrifice" for the Kingdom in our current situations?
4. What "worldly things" do we often prioritize that might be like the field the man sold?

Praise and Prayer Requests: