



# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 10/29/23

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## Opener (10 minutes or less)

What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done or would like to do?

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## DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

*Begin your discussion time in prayer.*

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-58**

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this passage and/or Sunday's teaching? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
  2. What do you think the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price teach us about the kingdom of heaven? How valuable is it? What needs to be done to attain it?
  3. Have you ever encountered something in your life that you would describe as a "hidden treasure" in a spiritual or metaphorical sense?
  4. In what ways can we relate the idea of "selling everything" to our own spiritual lives? What might we need to sacrifice or let go of to deepen our relationship with God?
  5. Why is a prophet not without honor except in his own country? Can you think of modern examples of this? How does familiarity breed contempt?
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## PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share.
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

## **The Parable of the Hidden Treasure**

**44** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

## **The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value**

**45** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, **46** who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

## **The Parable of the Net**

**47** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. **48** When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. **49** So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous **50** and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## **New and Old Treasures**

**51** “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” **52** And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

## **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

**53** And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, **54** and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? **55** Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? **56** And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” **57** And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” **58** And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.