

January 25, 2009 - Elevation 10:45

## The Parable of the Hidden Treasure & Costly Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

# Parables

## MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: PRICELESS

Matthew 13:44-46

Being found in the Kingdom of God is the greatest treasure we will ever find (vv. 44-46).

Philippians 3:8 and Jeremiah 9:23-24

- No matter who you are  
Consider the church in Laodicea (Rev. 3:17-18)

*Is your faith and trust in Jesus Christ the most valuable thing you own?*

- No matter what you're called to give up  
Consider the hearts of the Rich Young Ruler (Mt. 19:21),  
Zaccheus (Luke 19:8-10), and Jesus (Phil. 2:5-8)

*If you had to, would you be willing to give up everything for Christ, just as Christ gave up everything for you?*

- No matter how you "find" Jesus  
Consider the conversions of Saul (Acts 9:1-5)  
and the Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

*Is your heart receptive to the message of the Kingdom? And if you're found in Jesus already, do you still have that first love?*

## RESPONSE

After the message, I'd like you to reflect upon your "valuables" and how you treat them. Maybe even list them below (car, house, friends, spouse, iPhone, etc.).

Spend time looking at this list, and ask yourself just how valuable your faith is to you. Do you love Jesus like you love your most valuable items? Would you give anything to gain Him? Has your love for Him dwindled over time?

Confess any sin that the Spirit reveals. Praise God for Jesus' sacrifice for us, which models this unwavering obedience. Ask that God would reveal Himself to those who are lost and in need of the Kingdom!

## COMMUNION

This Sunday we will offer Communion at the stations. This Sunday we will not be offering communion stations, but please return next week as we take communion as a church body.

## GIVING

In our Elevation services we want to encourage you and your family to bring your offering prayerfully as your gift in worship to God to the buckets located at the stations.

## PRAYER

After the service, there will be prayer counselors in the back "Prayer Booth" to pray for any situation you may have. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.



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