



PERSONAL REFLECTION

READ Galatians 5:19-26. As you look at the fruit of the Spirit, take an honest look at your patterns and rhythms in life. Consider the good and joyfilled days, and ask yourself where God might be wanting to multiply good fruit in your life for His kingdom? Consider the hard and difficult days, and ask where might God be inviting you to let go of something that is holding you back and make room for the Spirit to grow something new in you?

PRAYER ITEMS:

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

From the READ SCRIPTURE app, Available for both Android and Apple devices.

In the **READ SCRIPTURE** app, be sure to set your start date for January 1, 2026 in the app settings, and follow along with us!

October 4: Luke 21-22 | Psalm 119: 97-128

October 5: Luke 23-24 | Psalm 119:129-152

October 6: Acts 1-2 | Psalm 119:153-176

October 7: Acts 3-4 | Psalm 120

October 8: Acts 5-6 | Psalm 121

October 9: Acts 7-8 | Psalm 122

October 10: Acts 9-10 | Psalm 123

WALKING with JESUS

Matthew 13:44-52 | **HIDDEN TREASURE**
Pastor Justin Carruthers | October 4, 2026

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN - WHAT'S THAT?

- God's _____ and _____ everywhere - established _____, but _____.

FOUR QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:

1. "Do I understand the _____ of what I have?"
2. "Do I understand that to obtain the gift, I must be _____, resourceful, and willing to lose _____?"
Matthew 16:24-25
3. "Do I see my Christian life as what I _____ or what I _____?"
4. "Where do I need to look _____?"
Matthew 13:37

THREE NEW QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:

1. Do you understand the _____ of who _____?
2. Do you see your life as _____ or _____?
3. Where do you look _____ if you are _____?



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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you could pick up any new skill at this very moment, what would it be?
2. When you hear the word “*treasure*” what comes to mind first? Is it a possession, an experience, a relationship, a memory, something else?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Pastor Justin introduced another layer to these parables: while Jesus is our treasure, we are also the treasure He willingly gave up everything to redeem. What then does it mean to live as someone of value who belongs to Jesus?

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Matthew 13:44-46

1. How does this passage highlight God’s presence in our world?
2. What does this passage say about our broken human condition?
3. How does this passage call me to make change in my life?

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ Matthew 13:44. In this chapter, there are a number of parables where Jesus shares about the Kingdom of God (or Heaven) in more succinct terms. Now here, it’s *hidden*. Why do you think Jesus chose to share this parable with this metaphor, at this point in the chapter?

- **READ Psalm 73:21-26, Philippians 3:4-8.** When we recognize God’s kingdom as a gift and a treasure, how does that change the way we see ourselves?

2. READ Matthew 13:44-46. What similarities and differences do you notice between the person who finds the hidden treasure and the merchant who was searching for the pearl?

- **READ Matthew 19:16-22.** What makes this exchange between Jesus and the rich young ruler the same, or different, than the two short parables in chapter 13?

- What might Jesus be teaching us about the relationship between seeing the kingdom’s value and surrendering something for it?

3. READ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42, & 47-50. Before and after these two short parables, Jesus parallels the “*wheat*” and the “*good fish*.” What do these parables reveal about the hope of those who belong to Christ?

- These parables also reveal the fate of the “*weeds*” and “*bad fish*.” Who in your life are you praying will come to Christ, and how might God use you in their journey toward Him?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Psalm 34:8, 1 Peter 2:1-3, and Hebrews 12:1-3. Where has pursuing Christ felt like giving something up? Where has it felt joyful? What competing priorities, desires, or distractions, are keeping you from living as though Jesus and His Kingdom are truly worth everything?