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Matthew 13:44-46

DISCOVERING HIDDEN TREASURE

Matthew 13:44, *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 man in this story doesn't have the cash to buy the field**, so he sells everything he has to purchase it, and he does so with joy!

SEEKING PRICELESS PEARLS

Matthew 13:45-46, *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

- ✳ **Merchant** | emporos: a wholesale dealer; bought and sold merchandise.
- ✳ **Search** | zeteo: to endeavour, enquire, seek.

FIVE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES

1. THE KINGDOM IS DISCOVERED IN _____

- ✳ **In the first parable** the treasure is discovered by accident. **In the second parable** the merchant was actively searching for the pearl.
- ✳ **God brings people into His Kingdom** through different circumstances.

2. THE KINGDOM IS ENTERED _____

Mark 1:15, *and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

- ✳ **In these two parables, the Kingdom of Heaven represents a saving faith in Jesus and the benefits that a relationship brings to the Believer.** However, each individual has to personally find the treasure and take possession of it.
- ✳ **Citizenship into God's Kingdom** comes through believing the Gospel; through faith in the King.

3. THE KINGDOM IS _____

1 Peter 1:4, *and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.*

Matthew 19:29, *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.*

- ✳️ **Citizenship in God's Kingdom is priceless** and worth relinquishing everything we have in order to enter it.

4. THE KINGDOM BRINGS _____

- ✳️ **The Source of true and lasting joy** is found in Christ and His kingdom.

John 15:11, *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

Romans 15:13, *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

5. THE KINGDOM REQUIRES _____

- ✳️ **While the characters in these two parables discovered treasure in different ways**, both were required to give up all they had in order to possess the treasure.
- ✳️ **The Gospel is clear: we are saved by grace through faith.** Jesus paid the full price for our salvation. We cannot buy our way into the Kingdom. **On the other hand**, these parables teach that a Disciple of Jesus must relinquish all to Him, as King of the Kingdom.

Matthew 10:37-39, *Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:24, *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

Philippians 3:7-8, *But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.*

Luke 14:33, *So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.*

- ✳️ **If the cost of discipleship seems high**, just consider the cost of non-discipleship!
- ✳️ **Consider And Respond** | What am I holding back from the King? What haven't I yet surrendered to the Lordship of Christ? What is the source of friction right now between me and God? How will I respond to these Parables?