

# Treasure in a Field Matthew 13:44-45

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## I. Two Marks of a Follower of Jesus

- Matthew 25:25- so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'
- Josephus, Wars of the Jews 7:113b-115-... Of the vast wealth of the city no small portion was still being discovered among the ruins.
   [114] Much of this the Romans dug up, [115] but the greater part they became possessed of through the information of the prisoners, gold and silver and other most precious articles, which the owners in view of the uncertain fortunes of war had stored underground

1.	Following Jesus	what I live	
•	Matthew 6:33- But seek first the kingdom of God and his		
	righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.		
2.	The more I know Jesus,	the more I	for his kingdom
	in		

 Philippians 3:7-8— But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

## II. Why We Follow

•	Hebrews 12:2- looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our
	faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
	despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne
	of God.

•	Knowing that the	of the kingdom has sacrificed
	everything for me	leads me to follow him .

### What's Going on at The Bridge Community:

As a church we want to "help people find Jesus and follow him fully." When we are following Jesus fully, we will be doing the following 4 things:



- 1. **Reaching** out in service to others.
  - **Have a need?:** If you or someone you know has a need, please contact us by clicking on the "Need Assistance?" link on the website or in the app. This is the **BEST** way to notify several leaders of how we can help!
  - **Serving at TBC:** Jesus blesses us with *time, talent, and treasure* **and** plenty of opportunities to use them all for Him! Connect with Rob at rob@thebridgeutah.org.



- 2. **Teaching** others to delight in God and obey His calling in their lives.
  - Sign up to go through a one-on-one discipleship program, Roots. Fill out the "Get
    Involved" card on the church center app, or contact Kevin at kevin@thebridgeutah.org.



- 3. **Growing** upward (in intimacy with God) and outward (in community)
  - **Men's Bible Studies**: Tuesdays at 6:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm at TBC. Sign up in the app!
  - **Women's Bible Studies:** Tuesdays at 7:000pm at TBC, and Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom. More info is available in the app.
  - A Year With Jesus: Join us as we read all four Gospels, three times this year! This
    month, we are reading through Luke. Read at your own pace in anticipation of John in
    December!
  - Small Groups: Small Groups play a crucial role in the life of our TBC. Small groups are
    designed to foster intimacy both upward in relationship with God and outward in
    community through Accountability, Belonging, and Care, as well as providing
    opportunities to reach out in service to our surrounding context through service projects.
    There is still room available in a couple of groups, so please sign up! Find details in the
    app.



- 4. **Going** and making disciples, seeking and saving the lost.
  - Hope For America: Harvest Crusade, Sunday, November 16th at 6:00pm at UVU.
     Please join us as at TBC for a simulcast of the event. Keep Pastor Greg Laurie, his team, and the event in prayer as the Gospel is shared with people who need Jesus.
  - Operation Christmas Child: Check out the OCC guidelines at <u>samaritanspurse.org</u> for a list of acceptable items and pack a box for the Gospel. Boxes will be available on Nov. 2, and National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24
  - **Pray** for Church Plants and missionary work that we support:
    - Neighborhood Church in Daybreak, Utah.
    - Summit 419 in Coalville, Utah.
    - Haley Horton in Bulgaria.

#### Other Announcements:

- **Tithes and Offerings** may be dropped off in the giving box at the West sanctuary entrance. (Contact cards or Easter Response cards may be dropped here as well).
- **On-line giving information:** Give online at <a href="https://thebridgeutah.org/giving">https://thebridgeutah.org/giving</a> or through the "Give" icon at the bottom of our Church Center App.
- **Got Wifi?:** Network name: TBC Guest, and the password is: SimplyJesus.