

KINGDOM STORIES

Jackpot Christians: Pastor Mark Pope

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1. Pastor Mark opened the talk by sharing the story of the Forrest Fern Treasure Hunt (a box worth millions hidden somewhere in the Rocky Mountains). He said over the years, 350,000 people have searched for the box. Some have quit their full-time job to search and several have died in pursuit. What is the hardest you have ever looked for something you lost?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13, Luke 8:10 and Matthew 7:7
These Scriptures seem to indicate finding spiritual treasure requires commitment and action on our part. Why do you think spiritual treasures are sometimes hidden?
3. What was the last thing you pursued with passion or intensity and what did you sacrifice or invest to find it? Shifting to a spiritual focus, how often are you intensely searching for spiritual treasure?
4. Pastor Mark said, "Don't confuse searching Google with hunting for God". Answering honestly, when confronted with a challenging situation or question, do you find yourself looking for answers on the internet or in the Bible? Why is that your default search engine?
5. Pastor Mark asked, "Do you believe that God's treasure is worth more than anything you have to trade for?" Why do you think so many people refuse trade-up?
6. What is one area of your life that would greatly benefit from finding spiritual "treasure"?
7. When you reflect on letting go of the things you value in order to gain something better does it feel like a sacrifice or something to celebrate? Do you need to ask God to change your desires?
8. Pastor Mark shared God does not say, "you can have it all, instead he says you have to be willing to let go to trade up." How willing are you to let go of old things to make room for new things? What are you willing to give up starting today?