



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

True Treasure is Yours! August 9-11th, 2020

Matthew 13:44-52

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

The Parable of the Pearl

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

1. If you found \$100,000 tonight what would you do?

2. What parts of the story show the value of treasure and pearl?
3. The treasure in Jesus story is *the kingdom of heaven*. That's everything God has done, is doing, and will do in your life. What are those things?
4. Check out the lyrics to "Jesus Priceless Treasure" (#349 in *Christian Worship*, or google it.) Which lines best captures the value of Jesus for you?
5. If you sold everything to get a \$3 million pearl, what would you do with it? Apply your answers to what you do with the Jesus.
6. What's the main point of The Parable of the Net? (Hint: Look at Jesus' explanation in v. 49-50.)
7. Name some ways The Parable of the Net makes the treasure seem more valuable.
8. If bank account kept having new money in it, how would that change your generosity? Since your heart keeps having new Jesus-treasure in it, how does it change your gospel-sharing?
9. As a group can you come up with 5 ways to invite someone to experience the priceless treasure of Jesus this week?