



A Greater Treasure_LG Questions Wk3_Fall 2020

Ice Breaker: What is the greatest material thing you have ever found by chance?

Someone read Matthew 13:44-46 - “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. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Someone read Matthew 13:47-50 - “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 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. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Someone read Mark 12:30 - [Jesus replied,] “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

1. Jesus reveals in the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great worth that glorifying God involves having an “all in” attitude and lifestyle when being a part of the kingdom of heaven. In your opinion what qualifies a person as being “all in”? Explain.
2. In the first parable, the man found the treasure unexpectedly. In the second parable, the merchant was looking for a treasure. Which are you? Did you find the kingdom of heaven unexpectedly or were you looking for it? Share your story.
3. The kingdom of heaven is an “all in” culture. Our society is a “squeeze it in” culture. When sharing the gospel, how can we properly communicate the cost of being “all in” in a world that values “squeezing it in”? What does it cost you to be in the kingdom of heaven and how do you communicate the joy you’ve had in paying that cost (*notice the joy these men had in selling it all to pay the price for the greater treasure*).

4. Jesus said, love the the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and all your strength (Mark 12:30). What does it mean to love the Lord your God...
 - With all your heart?
 - With all your soul?
 - With all your mind?
 - With all your strength?

5. In the parable of the net, all kinds of fish are caught. The kingdom is not baiting for certain fish. All are wanted. However, some are unfit for the kingdom while others have been made acceptable. How is one fish made acceptable (good) and another determined unfit (bad)?

Prayer Activity: The parable of the net communicates that Jesus values diversity in the kingdom of God. He baits “all kinds” of fish and wants to catch them. Take a moment to pray that those who are different in the kingdom of God would find unity in Christ. Pray for unity to come to those of different ethnicities, different political allegiance, and different denominational backgrounds.