

Community Group Question Guide

Matthew 13:44-46 – Worth It At Any Price

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.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,

46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ESV

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

How does a treasure hidden in a field contrast with Israel’s expectations of how the Kingdom of Heaven would come?

Neither Jesus nor Matthew seem to have any concerns about the possible ethical implications of the man hiding the treasure. What do you think? What’s the point Jesus is making?

What is the treasure man’s emotional reaction?

Jesus’ parables provide more than pithy adages or axioms about God & his work. How does the parable of the treasure actually help advance God’s kingdom?

In v45 Jesus says “*again*.” Why do you think he says this?

What are the differences between the man in the field and the merchant of pearls?

What are their similarities? How are their reactions to their discoveries alike?

How does the parable of the One Pearl advance God’s Kingdom?

How do these parables shape our perspective on God’s Kingdom?

How is God speaking to you in these parables?

How do they encourage your prayers?