

The Gospel of Matthew: Is Like Treasure

Discussion Guide for January 30 and February 1, 2026

Summary

This week's message finishes Matthew 13 as Jesus shares parables that reveal the immense value of the Kingdom of Heaven. Through the parables of the Hidden Treasure, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Net, Jesus shows that the Kingdom is worth giving up everything for—yet it will still be rejected by some. The chapter closes with Jesus being rejected in His hometown, reminding us that how we value the King determines how we value His Kingdom. These parables call us to examine what we treasure most, embrace costly worship, and faithfully share the Kingdom with others.

Intro Prayer

Lord, open our eyes to see the true value of Your Kingdom. Help us recognize the worth of knowing You and following You above all else. Reveal anything we are holding onto more tightly than You, and give us hearts that joyfully surrender everything for the sake of Christ. Amen.

Ice Breaker

Have you ever paid a high price for something because it mattered deeply to you—an experience, relationship, or opportunity? What made it worth the cost?

Key Verses

1. Matthew 13:44–50
2. Matthew 13:51–58

Discussion Questions

1. In the parable of the hidden treasure, the man sells everything "in his joy." What does this reveal about how we're meant to respond to the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. Why do you think Jesus compares the Kingdom not just to a treasure, but to people who are willing to give up everything to obtain it?
3. What are some ways we subtly treat following Jesus as a restriction instead of recognizing it as an incredible gift?
4. The parable of the net shows that not everyone who is gathered ultimately belongs to the Kingdom. How does this challenge both complacency and fear when we think about faith and eternity?
5. Why do people often struggle with the exclusivity of Jesus, even though the invitation to the Kingdom is open to everyone?
6. In Jesus' hometown, familiarity led to unbelief. How can familiarity with Jesus—or church—keep us from truly honoring Him today?

Life Application

This week, take time to honestly assess what you value most. Ask God to show you where your time, attention, and resources are going. Choose one tangible way to practice "costly worship"—whether through obedience, generosity, service, or sharing your faith—trusting that the Kingdom is worth far more than anything you surrender.

Key Takeaways

1. The Kingdom of Heaven is of infinite value and worth any cost required to obtain it.
2. Not everyone will accept the Kingdom, but the invitation remains open to all through Jesus.
3. How we value the King determines how we value His Kingdom and how we live in response to it.

Ending Prayer

Father, thank You for the priceless gift of Your Kingdom and the infinite worth of Jesus. Teach us to let go of what we cannot keep so that we may gain what we cannot lose. Make us faithful stewards of the treasure You've entrusted to us, and give us courage to live lives of joyful, costly worship. In Jesus' name, Amen.