

Let Me Tell You A Secret
Jesus: The Hidden Treasure
Matthew 13:44-46

Getting Started:

1) If you sorted out the items in storage for a garage sale, what kinds of things would you get rid of, and what kinds of things would you keep? Why?

Digging Deeper:

2) How do you think most people decide what is of greatest value to them? How do you decide?

3) How would you define a kingdom? When you hear the phrase “the kingdom of heaven”, what do you think of?

4) Read Matthew 13:44. Why did the man hide the treasure again after he found it? What motivated him to sell everything?

5) Can you think of anything that would be valuable enough to you that you'd give up everything you have?

6) Read Matthew 13:44–45.

a) Try to picture the pearl that the merchant found. What would it look like?

b) The merchant probably had quite a collection of gems and pearls already. Why would he let those all go for one fine pearl?

7) If God is the man in the first story and the merchant in the second, what is the treasure? What is the field? What is the pearl?

8) In these stories, are the treasures you or Jesus? How might this change the meaning?

Putting It Into Practice:

9) If selling all you have refers to that moment you gave your life to Jesus, what application might these stories have for people who are already Christians?