



## What's it worth?

**Series:** Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:44-46

These parables are about one central \_\_\_\_\_: the immense, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom.

Big question: What do you consider to be of greatest value in your life?

1. We go to great lengths to \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We show what we truly value by what we are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We reveal our values by the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We reveal our values by the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ to.
2. If we value the kingdom of God, we we'll \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Philippians 3:8-11
  - How do I move in the right direction?
    - Hebrews 12:1-2
      - \_\_\_\_\_ *that hinders and the sin that so easily* \_\_\_\_\_.
      - No \_\_\_\_\_ should be too \_\_\_\_\_.
      - “run with \_\_\_\_\_”
      - “\_\_\_\_\_ *our eyes on Jesus*”
3. If we value the kingdom of God, we will \_\_\_\_\_ what we value out of \_\_\_\_\_ and not out of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It doesn't matter how you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, it's that you lay \_\_\_\_\_ of that treasure once you find it.
  - God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_.

**How valuable is Jesus to you?**

**Start talking.**

- What's something you once thought was extremely valuable, but later realized wasn't as important as you thought?
- If you had to name one thing people assume you value most based on how you live, what would it be?

**Start thinking:**

- What similarities do you see between the man who finds the treasure and the merchant who finds the pearl?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that both men sold everything they had?
- What does Jesus seem to be saying about the true value of the Kingdom of God?
- What does this parable suggest about the difference between knowing about the Kingdom and truly recognizing its value?

**Start Sharing:**

- When you think honestly about your life, what evidence points to what you value most?
- How do your time, money, and energy reveal what matters most to you right now?
- Is there anything in your life that competes with Jesus for first place? How do you see that showing up?

**Start Praying:**

- Where do you need help seeing Jesus as your greatest treasure?
- What would you like God to help you release so you can pursue Him more freely?

*Heavenly Father, Thank You for the immeasurable gift of Your Kingdom. Open my eyes to see that Christ is the treasure, worth more than anything I currently possess. Give me the joy and courage to let go of earthly attachments, distractions, and idols that hinder my pursuit of You. Help me to live with a clear vision of eternity, eagerly seeking Your righteousness. Lord, cleanse my heart and mind of all that is not of You, that I may shine like the sun in Your Kingdom. I surrender my everything to follow You, trusting that in You, I have found everything I truly need. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.*

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What might it look like for you to “sell everything” in a modern, practical sense? Are there things you may need to let go of—or reorder—to pursue Jesus more fully?
- Pray about one concrete step you could take this week to seek God's Kingdom first and follow through.