

# Sermon Outlines



## BIBLE STUDY

Walk Through The Bible!

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### Practical Principles from the Parables

#### “Discovering the Value of the Kingdom”

Matthew 13:44-46

#### Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever found the parables confusing or difficult to understand? If so, then you are not alone. Many people have trouble understanding these teachings but Jesus gives the answer to decode these parables and discover practical principles to live out your faith in modern times. Join us as we begin a new series that will give you new insight into practical principles of faithfulness as we study the parables found in Matthew 13.

#### Series Theme Passage

**Matthew 13:16** (ESV) – But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

#### Main Text

##### Parable of Hidden Treasure

**Matthew 13:44** (ESV) – <sup>44</sup>“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.

##### Parable of Great Price

**Matthew 13:45-46** (ESV) – <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Big Idea – Don’t Miss the Greatest Treasure...See It, Pursue It, and Be Filled With Joy**

## **Recognizing Three Kingdom Realities**

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### **Reality #1 – Discovering the Joy of the Lord Requires Surrender and Sacrifice**

**Matthew 13:44** (ESV) – <sup>44</sup>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.

- **Key Point** – The first reality that we examine deals with discovering the joy of the Lord through surrender and sacrifice. The countercultural theme of finding victory through surrender can only be found as an equation for success through the Lord.

### **Reality #2 – Discovering the Value of the Kingdom Redefines Your Motivation and Priorities**

**Matthew 13:45-46** (ESV) – <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46a</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value...

- **Key Point** – The second reality that we examine deals with discovering the value of a Kingdom Vision versus a worldly vision. When you look at life from a Kingdom perspective then your values, priorities, and motivation are redefined by God’s Word and His love.

### **Reality #3 – True Treasure is Obtained When the Perishable is Traded for the Imperishable**

**Matthew 13:46** (ESV) – <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

- **Key Point** – The final reality that we examine deals with discovering true treasure in this world. If you want to gain a treasure that is eternal and imperishable then it can only be found in the Lord alone.

## **Memory Verse**

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**Matthew 16:26** (ESV) – For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

## **Challenge:**

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Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, answer this question,

- How can you share the greatest treasure with others around you this week?