

Small Group Discussion Questions

In Sunday's sermon, Dusty reflected on childhood memories and the thrill of discovering hidden treasure to illuminate Jesus' parables in Matthew 13:44–46, where the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a treasure in a field and a pearl of great price. Just as the Hardy Boys finally recognize treasure hidden in plain sight, the discovery of God's Kingdom brings sudden clarity and reorients everything in life. Both parables emphasize that the Kingdom's value is so great it is worth selling everything to obtain—not out of guilt, but out of joy. Whether discovered unexpectedly or after a long search, encountering the Kingdom transforms a person's desires and priorities. Ultimately, the treasure is not material wealth but life with God: both eternal life and the present reality of God's presence expressed through community, generosity, and love.

Discussion Questions

1. Dusty's sermon compared the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure hidden in plain sight. Where in your life might you be overlooking something of deep spiritual value?
2. Matthew 13:44 says the man sold all he had "in his joy." How does joy, not guilt, change the way we think about surrendering to God?
3. Do you resonate more with the person who unexpectedly stumbled upon treasure, or the merchant who searched for it over time? Why?
4. In both parables, the response to finding the treasure is selling everything. What would "selling everything" look like practically in your current season of life?
5. How does the "Good Life" and "selling everything" impact what is ok to buy, possess, and own?
6. The sermon suggests that the Kingdom reorients our desires (Psalm 37:4). How have you experienced your desires changing as your faith has matured?
7. Dusty shared examples of community support as expressions of the Kingdom. When have you experienced the treasure of God's Kingdom through others?
8. C.S. Lewis said Christianity cannot be moderately important. In what ways are you tempted to treat faith as moderately important, and what would it look like for it to be of "infinite importance" in your life?