

The Treasure and the Pearl

Parable People

[Matthew 13:44-46](#)

In this brief pair of parables, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is of such great value that it changes everything about how we live, what we pursue, and what we are willing to give ourselves to. What we treasure reveals what has captured our hearts.

1. What are some of the things people tend to treasure most? How do you see those priorities shaping their lives?
2. How does your understanding of Jesus or God's kingdom change what matters most to you?

The parable of the pearl also reminds us that God is the one seeking us. While we often focus on our search for God, the gospel is ultimately the story of what God has done for us. In Christ, God gave everything to rescue and redeem us because we are deeply loved and treasured by Him.

1. How does it change your perspective to think of yourself as someone God treasures and actively pursues?
2. Why is it important to remember that Christianity is not primarily about what we do for God, but about what God has done for us?

Pearls are formed through irritation and adversity, offering a powerful picture of how God works through difficult seasons. As Christians we confidently claim that our pain, losses, disappointments, and struggles do not have the final word. God is present in those places, shaping us, growing us, and often creating opportunities for us to be the pearl - encouraging others through our experiences.

1. What difficult experience has God used to shape your character, deepen your faith, or help you grow?
2. Do you see ways in which God can use your story, struggles, or hard-earned wisdom to encourage someone else right now?

