

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- What needs sorting out in your garage, attic, or basement right now? Is there more trivia, trash, or treasure there?

Read

- Matthew 13:44-46

Observe

- What does the parable of the hidden treasure teach us about the kingdom of God?
- What does the parable of the pearl teach us about the kingdom of God?
- What does Jesus mean when he says to sell everything for the kingdom?

Apply

- What do you “treasure?” What is of “great value” to you right now?
- Compared to the man in verse 44 and the merchant in verses 45-46, how valuable is the kingdom of God to you, and why?
 - It’s worth more than anything else.
 - There are things I would miss too much.
 - I’m not ready to go that far with this.
 - Something else?

Prayer

Almighty God, our Father, we pray as Jesus taught his disciples: “Your kingdom come.” Give us the wisdom to understand what that means. Show us what you would have us do to advance your kingdom here and now as we live in anticipation of the return of Christ Jesus.

Recommended Reading

- The Shift Church 2026 Lenten Guides – Week 3