

# The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

Re: GROUP

## The King's Road: Lost and Found Small Group Discussion Guide

Based on Matthew 13:44-58

### Icebreaker

- What is something you once thought was extremely valuable, but later realized was not worth as much as you expected?
- Have you ever sacrificed something important in order to gain something even more valuable?

### Main Idea

The kingdom of heaven is worth surrendering everything for because God's reign is greater than anything this world offers. At the same time, God Himself seeks and saves those who belong to Him. Yet many still reject Christ because of unbelief, distraction, or familiarity.

### Read the Passage Together

Read Matthew 13:44-58

### Discussion Questions

## I. The Kingdom Is Worth Everything

### Matthew 13:44-46

#### Observation Questions

1. What similarities do you notice between the man who found the treasure and the merchant who found the pearl?
2. What actions did both men take after discovering something valuable?
3. What does Jesus emphasize about the value of the kingdom of heaven?

#### Interpretation Questions

4. Why do you think both men were willing to sell everything they had?
5. What does this teach us about the worth of God's kingdom compared to earthly things?
6. How do the disciples in Matthew 4 demonstrate this kind of response to Jesus?
7. How was the rich young ruler's response different from the disciples' response?

#### Application Questions

8. What competes with the kingdom of God for first place in your life?
9. What fears or distractions make it difficult to fully surrender to Christ?

10. What would it practically look like for you to “seek first the kingdom of God” this week?

## **II. God Seeks and Saves**

### **Matthew 13:45–46**

#### **Observation Questions**

11. What difference do you notice between the two parables?
12. In the second parable, who is doing the searching?

#### **Interpretation Questions**

13. How do passages like Luke 19:10 and Ezekiel 34:11 help us understand Jesus as the seeking Savior?
14. What did it cost Jesus to seek and save sinners?
15. Why is it important to understand both God’s sovereignty and humanity’s responsibility?

#### **Application Questions**

16. How does knowing that Jesus sought you personally affect your view of Him?
17. In what ways can believers participate in God’s mission of seeking the lost?
18. Is there someone in your life you need to intentionally pray for or pursue with the gospel?

## **III. The Kingdom Is Not “Catch and Release”**

### **Matthew 13:47–50**

#### **Observation Questions**

19. What happens after the net gathers the fish?
20. What does Jesus say this sorting represents?

#### **Interpretation Questions**

21. What does this parable teach about judgment and accountability?
22. Why do you think Jesus repeatedly warned about the separation between the righteous and the wicked?

#### **Application Questions**

23. How should the reality of future judgment affect the way we live today?
24. What are some ways people try to avoid accountability before God?
25. How can believers lovingly speak truth about judgment without becoming harsh or self-righteous?

## **IV. The Danger of Familiarity**

### **Matthew 13:53–58**

#### **Observation Questions**

26. How did the people of Nazareth initially respond to Jesus?
27. What caused them to ultimately reject Him?

### **Interpretation Questions**

28. What does it mean that they “took offense” at Jesus?
29. Why can familiarity sometimes harden people to spiritual truth?
30. How can someone grow up around Christianity and still miss Christ?

### **Application Questions**

31. Have you ever become spiritually numb to truths you hear often?
32. What are some modern examples of people rejecting Jesus because of pride, familiarity, or competing worldviews?
33. How can we guard our hearts from becoming overly familiar with Christ and His Word?

### **Personal Reflection**

Take a few quiet moments and reflect on these questions:

- Do I truly see the kingdom of heaven as more valuable than everything else?
- Where am I resisting God’s reign in my life?
- Have I allowed familiarity with Jesus to dull my awe of Him?
- What is one step of obedience God may be calling me to take?

### **Prayer Focus**

Spend time praying for:

- Hearts that treasure Christ above all else
- Greater surrender to God’s reign
- Boldness to share the gospel
- People who are rejecting or ignoring Jesus
- Renewed wonder and love for Christ