

Series: Kingdom Parables Passage Mathew 13:44-46 Title: Unexpected Treasure

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**Discussion Starter** – Explain the progression that you see happening in each of the parables thus far, starting with the Soils up to the Pearl of Great Price. What has God revealed to you in these parables?

## **Jesus' Parables of Valued Treasure** (Matthew 13:44-46)

- Who is the man and what it the hidden treasure mentioned in Matthew 13:44?
- Why do you think many people think that the man represents us seeking Jesus as the hidden treasure in which we are willing to give up all that we have to obtain Jesus? What are some of the problems with holding on to this point of view? Read Romans 3:11-12, John 15:16 and Luke 19:10. Discuss the truths revealed from these verses.
- What are some of the similarities and differences you see between the parable of the hidden treasure and the parable of the pearl of great price?
- Why is Jesus the only one that has what is necessary to purchase the great treasure?
- What does it mean that Jesus gave everything He had to make us His treasure? Read Hebrews 2:14-18. Discuss additional insights gained from these verses.
- What role does Satan have if any in this parable?
- Jesus was willing to condescend to earth coming in the likeness of men. What does this mean? Why is this so important? What are some of the divine privileges Jesus gave up to be a man and why did He do this?
- Read Philippians 2:1-8. What can we learn from Christ's example of humility and His willingness to pay the highest price for us? What does that mean for us as Christians today?
- What are some of the things people in this world get their value and worth from? How should a deep understanding of the high price Jesus paid for us change how we value ourselves?
- Explain how our value is found in the finished work of Christ. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. If we realize our worth to Jesus what should be the byproduct of this understanding?