

Treasure

Matthew 13:44-46

God's kingdom is a fortunate discovery.

- A treasure
- A fine pearl

God's kingdom redefines "valuable."

- Part with past
- Realign future

God's kingdom has competition.

God's kingdom inspires joy in those who "get it."

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) As you read the two parables in Matthew 13:44-46, what strikes you as impressive? Have you ever desired something so much that you were willing to give up everything for it? Describe.
- 2) In what way does the kingdom redefine "valuable" for you? How has it changed your priorities?
- 3) What presents the greatest competition to the kingdom in your experience? How do you deal with this competition?
- 4) How would you rate your current "joy" in Jesus and His kingdom? What helps reconnect you to your "first joy" in discovering Him?

Memory Verse

Matthew 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."