

RECAP

As you reflect on this last week, what ways were you able to engage in Kingdom growth? Were there any opportunities for you to invite someone over for a meal? If so, how'd it go?

IDEA 1

Rob began his sermon by sharing a story about his discovery of some very valuable baseball cards at a yard sale.

Do you have a story about a moment when you discovered a valuable treasure? Share with the group what that experience was like.

IDEA 2

Read Matthew 13:44-46

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Rob used this parable to explain the process of discovering the treasure of the Kingdom. He shared 4 aspects to describe this process:

1. They discover it
 - a. Did the gospel of the Kingdom find you? Or did you search high and low for it? Or maybe you are still seeking it?
2. They determined they wanted it
 - a. What is the value in becoming part of the Kingdom of Jesus?
3. They made whatever moves necessary to obtain it
 - a. Why can we be afraid of the "all in" nature of the Kingdom's commitment?
4. They succeed in acquiring it
 - a. In what ways has acquiring the treasure of the Kingdom led to worship in your life?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

"For some of us, there is an invitation towards re-alignment. A re-ordering of what we value is at hand. We've let the order shift - Jesus is still a priority but if we are honest - not "The Priority."

Use this spiritual practice to engage in the re-alignment process Rob highlighted.

Take a moment to slowly read through Psalm 51:10-12, 15 out loud. Pause and then read through it again one more time.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you...Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you."

Next, read through these questions and pause after each one. Allow time for people to reflect:

- **What are the things you desire or protect most?**
- **Have any of those things taken priority over the treasure?**
- **What will it take to re-prioritize and make Jesus the center of your life?**

Split up into groups of 2-3 and share your reflections. Pray for one another that Jesus would be the greatest treasure in your life.

APPLICATION

For those who have acquired the treasure, Rob's message is a reminder that the treasure we have received overflows. Our mission is to help others discover the treasure that we have found.

Discuss as a group:

- **Who are the field workers you can point in the right direction - who are the merchants in your sphere of influence looking for the pearl you can offer?**

Take a moment to share about these people and end by praying for them, that they too would discover the treasure of the Kingdom. Ask for opportunities to reveal the Kingdom to them this week.