

# Sermon Notes

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## Value the Kingdom Above All Else and Pass It On

Matthew 13:44-52

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

13:44-46 The parables of the treasure and the valuable pearl

Joy

Action - giving up what one presently has,  
to obtain what the kingdom has to offer

When we understand the value of what God offers us, it is  
worth giving up whatever else we previously held dear

Is there an exchange you should make?

God's wisdom is valuable

Do you seek it?

13:47-50 The parable of the fishing net (dragnet)

Separation of the wicked from the righteous

Hell, suffering

13:51-52 With understanding comes responsibility

**We have been passed these teachings of Jesus,  
and we need to pass them on**

Will you live Jesus teaching?

Will you pass it on?

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

Application questions for 2-2-2014 sermon  
Matthew 13:44-52

Is your greatest joy what you have in Christ (His kingdom)? Truly?

Are you taking action to obtain more and more of what God has to offer you, by making exchanges - trading your old way of thinking/acting for God's ways?

If you have made many exchanges in the past, have you kind of stalled out on doing that?

What new exchange may you need to make?

If you have not really made a big exchange, where you have seen God prove the goodness and value of His ways, are you willing to try it?

What could you do that with? What could you do God's way, that is different than your way, maybe that you have been hesitant to try His way?

(some of the examples given in the sermon are on the next page)

Do you value God's wisdom?

If so, how do you go about obtaining more on a regular basis?

As you learn God's wisdom and live His ways, do you pass it on to others? How?

If not, are you willing to start?

What might hinder you or make you afraid?

**Bonus:**

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?

Example exchanges:

People tend to think, “Get all you can in this life and hold on to it.” And that usually means giving your best efforts to our occupation, to gain money.

Whereas Jesus says we should put serving the kingdom of God as our #1 priority. Which requires giving some of our best efforts toward serving His church and giving our money to His causes.

People tend to want to “fit in” and be liked.

But Jesus says that if you follow Him, we will be different (holy) and many people will hate us.

When someone wrongs us, we tend to get angry, want to retaliate, or we don’t deal with it and just get bitter.

Whereas Jesus says don’t do any of that. Rather, we must ‘take it’ when people insult us, try to reconcile when we have conflict, and forgive.

Our culture is a culture of things like sexual immorality, lust, and divorce.

Jesus-followers are to be moving away from all those things.

People tend to make promises that they don’t keep, or just not commit to anything.

Whereas Jesus followers are supposed to commit to good things, and follow through.