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 Part 3: Costly Pearl & Hidden Treasure
 The Costly Bargain
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The Costly Bargain
The Story: Matthew 13:44-46

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.
⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

What’s the Purpose?

What Does It Teach Us?

1. Not everyone sees _____
2. _____ the Kingdom _____
3. We don’t need to _____ but we do need to _____
4. The Kingdom _____ in those who _____

What Should We Do?

1. _____
 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”
 Mark 1:15
2. _____
 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
 Matthew 6:33
3. _____
 “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
 Colossians 3:1-2

Memory Verse
 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
 Matthew 6:21

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior for the first time
- Memorize Matthew 6:21
- Ask God to show me anything I need to give up for the sake of His Kingdom
- Confess my sin of not valuing God’s Kingdom enough
- Put God’s Kingdom first by investing my _____



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Discussion Questions - Week #5

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "The Costly Bargain," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. This weekend we looked at a story about the discovery of lost treasure. What's your favorite film, book or tv show about lost treasure?

2. Most of us have at some point experienced buyer's remorse after a purchase, what was your last big-ticket purchase for which you have happily paid?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read 1 Kings 19:15-16 & 19-21. What stands out to you in this passage? Why do you think Elisha slaughtered his oxen?

What do you think his neighbors thought of his actions?

Do you think we ought to respond as Elisha did when following Jesus? Why or why not?

Read Luke 9:57-62. Do you think Jesus would have responded differently than Elijah to Elisha's request?

4. Read Luke 14:25-33. Jesus uses some pretty harsh words in verses 25 & 26. What do you think he means by them?

What has it cost or what could it cost you to follow Jesus?

What does it look like for you to carry your cross in your life?

Read Romans 10:9. How do you harmonize what Paul has to say in Romans 10:9 with what Jesus says in this passage (particularly verses 27 & 33)?

5. Read Matthew 19:16-26. Why do you think Jesus challenged this man to give up all he had while allowing other disciples to keep their possessions?

This weekend we discussed the joy that finding the Kingdom can produce (Matthew 13:44). With the Kingdom before him, why do you think this man walked away in sadness?

Do you think joy in sacrifice is something that we can cultivate? If so, how?

Do you think you're more like the rich young ruler or like the one who discovered the lost treasure?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What steps can you take this week to put God's Kingdom first in your life?

7. How can the group be praying for you to pursue God's Kingdom rather than trying to establish your own?

PRAYER REQUESTS