

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

9/1/19

**Text: Matthew 13:44-46**

**Title: Parables of the Kingdom - The Parables of Found Treasures**

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## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

***In today's sermon we looked at two parables that were both meant to communicate "Value." Like a man who finds priceless merchandise being sold for 45 bucks at a garage sale, when something is known to be that valuable there's almost nothing we wouldn't give to have it. As we've seen elsewhere in the parables, Jesus is using a small and insignificant image to depict a grand and spiritual reality. What Jesus is saying is that He himself, and His kingdom, are of such immense, unimaginable value, that if we truly realized it, there's nothing we wouldn't give up to have it. And yet, in our sin and foolishness, we're like a man who's found buried treasure, and instead of taking it, we cover it back over and would rather go play, work, sleep...etc., than give up our life's pursuit to have it. By denying Jesus' value, we not only deny Him to be God, but we deprive ourselves of the only true source of joy and fulfillment in this life. Only when we see the lack of true value in created things, will we begin to see the value of Jesus. And it's only when we realize that the one who made everything, gave up everything, to get the only thing He didn't have; Us. Once we see Him dying to make us His treasure, will we start to live, making Him ours.***

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Like a King who's hidden himself amongst his people, Jesus' glory is hidden from people, allowing Him to discover their true loyalty. They may want peace, or power from the King, but do they actually want Him?*
  - ***What things do you tend to look for from God? What do ask him for?***
  - ***Why is it so tempting to want things From Jesus, rather than simply want Him?***
2. *Like a child holding a dangerous weapon or bottle of pills, when we hold onto things, people, or experiences with higher value than Jesus, they are dangerous to our soul.*
  - ***How could things you love become a spiritual danger to you or your loved ones?***
3. *J.D. Rockefeller was noted saying, I'm not sure how much is enough, but I know it's at least 1 more dollar than I have. We were created with an infinite need for joy and love, and that need can only be met, by an infinite source.*
  - ***What, in your life, never feels like enough?***
  - ***Would anyone ever accuse you of being overly joyful in Jesus? What does repentance look like for the things you've loved more than Jesus?***

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

#### **1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

- *Worship the LORD for His surpassing worth. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His glory and holiness - His incomparable value compared to every created thing.*

#### **2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

- *How have you lived denying Jesus' surpassing worth? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to value Him as you should.*

#### **3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

- *Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to let go of all He had in order to gain us by redemption. Thank Him for dying to make you his treasure.*

#### **4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

- *Read Revelation 5:11-12. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of love and joy. Pray that He would help you to see that even while Jesus is free, yet He costs everything fittingly because He is so worthy!*

#### **5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

- *Who do you know that values the things of this world more than Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them :”find the treasure” so that, in joy, they would let go of everything else in order to trust Jesus.*