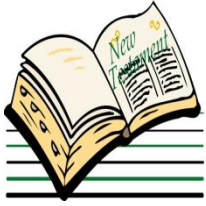


## Sermon Notes



Title: "Nothing Is More Valuable Than the Kingdom of Christ"

Text: Matthew 13:44-46

Theme: Nothing in life is of more worth than Christ and His Kingdom. And because Christ is the highest good in life, His Kingdom requires and invites sacrifice. His Kingdom requires total commitment and action.

I. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure Highlights the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Discovery of the Kingdom of Christ (44)

II. The Parable of the Pearl Stress the \_\_\_\_\_ Value of God's Kingdom and the Highest \_\_\_\_\_ to Have It (45-46)

### III. Applications

A. The biggest \_\_\_\_\_ and goal in the entire universe is the exaltation of Christ Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The big vision means \_\_\_\_\_ the horizons of our \_\_\_\_\_ about Christ and His Kingdom.

C. The Kingdom of Christ gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ you do, but your \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve and excel must always be for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

Next Week Read: Matthew 13:47-52

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

- 1. In the first parable, to what does Jesus compare the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 44a)?**
- 2. What happens in the first parable (v. 44b)?**
- 3. What does the person in the first parable do (v. 44c)?**
- 4. What is the person's emotional state upon discovering such treasure (v. 44c)?**
- 5. What is the point of this story?**
- 6. In the second parable, to what does Jesus compare the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 45)?**
- 7. What happens in the second parable (v. 46a)?**
- 8. Upon discovery, what does the person do (v. 46c)?**
- 9. What is the point of this parable?**
- 10. What is the additional component to the second parable?**
- 11. What is the Kingdom of Heaven?**
- 12. How do these parables present a big vision for the follower of Christ?**
- 13. In practical terms, what rank on your list of priorities does the Kingdom of Christ have?**
- 14. In what respects do your ideas and actions need to be broadened or stretched regarding Christ's Kingdom?**
- 15. How does Christ's Kingdom give value and worth to the ordinary and routine things that you do throughout the week?**