

Small Group Questions | March 4th, 2018

Kingdom Stories - The Treasure, Pearl, and Net ([Matthew 13:44-50](#))

Sermon Recap: Rich shared the parables of the hidden treasure, the pearl, and the net from Matthew. He said that these parables reveal that true treasure transforms: **who we are, what we value, and how we live**. He invited us to consider whether we identified with the poor field laborer or the wealthy merchant and ultimately whether we would give up everything for the treasure of Jesus Christ.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word treasure?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. Rich illustrated the parable of the hidden treasure. Both in his retelling and in the text, how does the treasure transform the man's life?
3. How does the parable of the pearl illustrate the great reversal of what we value?
4. In Mt 12:33-35, what is the indicator of a transformed life?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

5. Where have you seen your own heart transformed by Jesus? Where do you still need to see it transformed?
6. What things tend to take the place of Jesus in your value system? What is holding you back from trusting that Jesus can offer you more than those things?
7. Where do you see the fruit of transformation through Christ in the lives of those around you?

Prayer/Verse:

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." – Jim Elliott