

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: Finding Hidden Treasure**

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

**Topic: The Kingdom of God**

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*<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned to buy that field. <sup>45</sup> “Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a man looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found a very valuable pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:44-46 (NCV)*

In Jesus’ day **buried treasures** were regularly found.

The “Kingdom of Heaven” is the **reign and rule** of Christ in your life when you are born again.

Some of us are surprised **finders** of God’s Rule. Others are serious **seekers**.

*“I was found by those who were not seeking me. I revealed myself to those who were not asking for me.” Romans 10:20*

Some are so cynical they’re convinced they’ve seen it all. They’ve lost any sense that any day could hold buried treasure. The Good News of the Gospel is that at any moment you can be **surprised** by hidden treasure in the person of Christ.

The men in these parables are overwhelmed with **joy**, and didn’t mind selling everything, because they know what they’ve found is of far greater value than anything they have.

This parable begs the question, “Are you **willing to believe** that, in Jesus you can once again find hidden treasure?”

Some are **seriously seeking** after meaning and purpose in life. That is why Jesus told two stories.

Some things are **priceless**.

In the person of Jesus Christ, you can find what you’ve been looking and **even better**.

The pearls of work, human love, power or academic achievement, are **allusive**.

Don’t waste your life on “**paste**” pearls.

The Farmer and Businessman both decided to **put everything on the line** that stood between them and the treasure.

Whatever stands between you and the treasure of knowing Christ is **worth** the trade.

The things we think we trade in order to know Jesus are grains of **rice** traded for grains of **gold**.