

Value of the Kingdom of God Matthew 13:44-46

I. What the parables say

II. What the parables mean

1. The value of God's reign in your life through Christ is greater than everything you have.
2. The joyful cost of God's reign in your life through Christ is everything you have.

Matthew 19:21-22 - Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Luke 9:57-58 - As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Luke 9:59-60 - To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:61-62 - Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

III. How the parables apply

1. Reorientation of our ambitions
2. Reorientation of our schedules
3. Reorientation of our possessions
4. Reorientation of our source of joy

Faith Sheet

Transformation verse – Job 42:2 - *"I know that You can do all things; no purpose of Yours can be stopped."*

#1 - Reviewing This Past Sunday Value of the Kingdom of God Matthew 13:44-46

1. Read Matthew 13:44-46 and discuss the sermon with someone.
2. What do your ambitions, calendar, budget, and joy reveal about what you treasure? How has God's work in your life through Christ impacted these things?
3. What has been the cost of Christ's lordship in your life? How have you experienced God's joy as you have sacrificed these things?
4. Share with your children and someone else this week how great of a treasure that you have found in God's reign in your life through Christ. Share with them specific ways this has reoriented your life.

#2 - Preparing for Next Sunday Our Purpose and Pathway: Loving God, Loving Others and Making Disciples Matthew 22:34-40 and 28:19-20

1. READ- Matthew 22: 34-40 and 28:19-20 several times and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth to you.
2. EXAMINE- Spend some time marking up your Bible or taking notes. Ask questions like: What are the similarities between the two parables? What are the differences? What are the truths Jesus is teaching in these parables?
3. APPLY- Apply the text to your own life. Be specific in your answers. Ask these types of questions:
 - ~What does this text tell me about God?
 - ~What does this text tell me about myself?
 - ~How will I live differently because of what I just read?
 - ~Is there a command for me to obey, a warning to observe, a sin I must repent of, or something that leads me to give thanks?
4. PRAY- Pray through the passage and your application. Ask God to lead you to love Him, love others and to be intentional about making disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit.

