

## **Week 12 – Parables of the Present Kingdom – Part II (Preview)**

### **Day 1: Context and Subject**

#### **Read Matthew 13, Luke 13**

1. The context for these parables is the same as the last set of parables. What is the context? What message does Jesus intend with the other parables?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The primary focus of the previous group of parables is the reality of the present kingdom, regardless of current expectations or perception. The parables for this week, The Treasure and The Pearl, focus on the value of that kingdom. How are these two purposes related?

### **Day 2: The Treasure**

#### **Read Matthew 13:44**

1. Summarize the parable of The Treasure.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the meaning of this parable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Does this parable also reflect the cost of discipleship? Why or why not?

### **Day 3: The Pearl**

#### **Read Matthew 13:45-46**

1. Summarize the parable of The Pearl.
2. What is the meaning of this parable?
3. What are the similarities and differences between this parable and The Treasure?

### **Day 4: The Value of the Kingdom**

#### **Read Mark 10:17-31**

1. In the passage you read, what value does the rich young man put on his possessions? Why does Jesus ask him to sell all of those possessions?
2. What change is Jesus seeking from the man? Is it merely about money and materialistic things, or is there a broader application?
3. How is this text related to The Treasure and The Pearl?

## **Day 5: The Cost of Discipleship**

**Read Luke 9:23-25, 14:25-33**

1. How do these two passages describe the cost of discipleship?
2. How are these texts related to The Treasure and The Pearl?
3. Does this lead you to increase the value you put on the kingdom of God? What about the cost that is required from you?