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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Who are the parables in [Matthew 13](#) spoken to?
2. What is their intention?
3. How can we use the parables in Matthew 13 to demonstrate the Kingdom of God?

Engage:

4. Read [Matthew 13:44-46](#)

“There are different interpretations to these but one of the key ones is the incomparable worth of the Kingdom to the individual.

We have two very easy to follow word pictures.

We see a man who finds treasure, seemingly by accident and we see a merchant who is intentionally looking for something very specific.”

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- **The man who finds treasure:** He somehow finds this treasure; the narrative seems to be saying that it was by chance. And he knows that he who holds the deeds of that field - owns the treasure. When he finally signs on the dotted line and gets the deeds, he knows that the treasure is finally his.
- **The Pearl:** The man was engaged in a serious search. His life was given over to searching for this most exquisite of pearls. He, in a way, knew what he was looking for. The merchant spent his life looking for the best of the best. Everything else was worth giving up for.
- In both cases – the man and the merchant were willing to pay a great price; they were willing to give everything to have what they had found.

Framework:

5. How much of your life is invested in the Kingdom?
6. How do we find the Kingdom of God?

- Now you may be working your way through this Study Guide and be outside the Kingdom of God. But it's not about going to church, or doing good deeds. It's not about being religious.
- 7. Read [John 3:3](#) (*Unless you are born again, the Kingdom of God will be something you cannot even see.*)
- 8. Read [Luke 17:20-21](#)
- 9. In [Matthew 13:44](#) it says, *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field -"* What is the field? (You can also refer to [Matthew 13:38](#))
- 10. A phrase that Jesus used very often about the Kingdom was this: *"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."* What does this mean to us in our context – today?
- 11. Do you operate as a subject of the Kingdom of God at all times? Or do you operate as if Church and the occasional Life Group is enough?
- 12. Read [Psalm 27:4-5](#)
- 13. Why did David desire to be there?
- 14. Read [Isaiah 66:1](#)
- We no longer have or need a temple because in this present age – we are the temple (1 Corinthians 16:19). However, there is still a collective aspect of the temple of the Holy Spirit, and whilst that is not the bricks and mortar. It is the collective gathering together of God's people.
- 15. Read [Hebrews 11:13-17](#)
- 16. What are you willing to pay?
- 17. How much is the Kingdom worth to you?

"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

- 18. The majority of our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering today. You may have heard the case of Pastor John Sherwood. A man who has been faithfully preaching the Gospel on the street for years. He was forcefully arrested and spent a night in jail. One of the key things that bible teacher David Pawson said was this, *"pastors need to warn and teach their churches how to cope with persecution. If we really desire something, then we will be willing to pay the price for it. No matter what it costs us."*
- 19. Are you willing to pay with inconvenience, financial loss, physical freedom, family, your life for the Kingdom?
- 20. Do you know what the prime example is? Who was the person who had the most and gave up the most?
- 21. What did Jesus give up?

Charles Thomas Studd gave up all of his personal fortune and went on the mission field to China and India. He suffered severe persecution and reported that every time he stepped outside, he was greeted with curses. Yet, he didn't give up his desire to reach the Chinese with the Gospel.

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him," Charles stated. Back in England aged 50 he heard the call to Africa. His supporters said don't go, his

doctor warned him of his poor health saying it would kill him and yet he went. The last 18 years of his life were spent away from his family, he suffered heart attacks and had serious medical problems.

Do you know why he ignored his Doctors advice? Because he was dead already. Dead to this world, but alive to the Kingdom of God.

Prayer:

“Dear Lord, please help me to seek first the Kingdom of God on a daily basis. In Jesus Name Amen.”