Hidden Treasure

Study & Discussion Questions

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Passage · Matthew 13:44

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> *The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

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Devotional

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Jesus tells a story
that takes only one verse.
A man finds treasure
hidden in a field.
He covers it,
then goes away
and sells everything he has
to buy the field.

The field looks ordinary.
Nothing changes on the surface.
But discovery changes
the man's eyes.
He sees what no one else sees—
value hidden beneath the dirt.

And Jesus says
he does it with joy.
Not reluctance.
Not resentment.
Not because someone
has forced his hand.
Joy makes the exchange clear.

You may not know this about Jesus:
He does not ask me to release
what I value most
until He places in my hands
what I will value more.

The Kingdom may meet me
in an ordinary field—
a quiet conviction,
a word that opens,
a moment when Jesus
becomes more precious
than what I have held.

The cost is real,
but the story is not about loss.
It is about value.
Once the treasure is seen,
the field is no longer just dirt.
The sacrifice is no longer
just sacrifice.

The man does not bargain
with the treasure.
He does not keep it
as a side investment.
He lets joy give him courage
to let go of everything else.

Following Jesus is not
a desperate attempt
to make an unfair trade.
It is the glad response
of someone who has seen
the greater worth.

The treasure was hidden,
but it was not absent.
Its value was there
before the man recognized it.
And once he saw it,
he could not go back
to calling the field ordinary.

What will I value more?

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Reflection Question

What has Jesus shown me to be worth more than what I am holding onto?

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What This Means to Me

The Kingdom is not an accessory
I add to an already-full life.
It is the treasure
that reorders everything.

Jesus is not asking me
to trade down.
He is showing me
a value greater than
what I have been afraid to release.

When I see His worth,
obedience becomes joy.
I can open my hands
because He has placed
something greater in them.

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Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the man’s joy when he discovers the treasure?
2. Why do you think Jesus describes the treasure as hidden in an ordinary field?
3. Where have you seen the value of the Kingdom become clearer over time?
4. How is joyful surrender different from reluctant sacrifice?
5. What might it look like for me to value Jesus above something familiar this week?
6. What is one thing I can release as I receive what Jesus places in my hands—and how can our group pray for me about it?

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Prayer

Father,
open my eyes to the treasure
of Your Kingdom.

Show me where I have called
an ordinary field
when You are inviting me
to see what is hidden there.

Give me joy that is greater
than the fear of letting go.
Teach me to trust
that what You place in my hands
is worth more than what I release.

Let the Kingdom reorder
my loves, my choices,
and my whole life.

I ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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