

Sermon Outline

New Castle Bible Church

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Sermon Title: "A Kingdom Worth Everything"

Text: Matthew 13:44-52

Cover Verse: Philippians 3:8

Main Point: Those who grasp the glory of the kingdom give all to gain it.

- I. A Buried Treasure: The Joy of God's Kingdom
- II. A Rare Pearl: The Value of God's Kingdom
- III. A Silent Net: The Catch of God's Kingdom

Exhortation: Grasp, give all, and go out!

Recommended Resources:

- Matthew 6:33
- Mark 8:34
- Philippians 3:7-8
- Hebrews 11:10
- *The Greatness of the Kingdom* by Alva McClain

Life Group Questions for Discussion:

1. The kingdom is a major theme in Matthew's Gospel and throughout Scripture. What is God's kingdom? In what ways is the kingdom presently here? In what ways is it yet to come?
2. Read Matthew 13:44. Prior to becoming saved, Martin Luther visited the Confessional for hours each day. He fasted to the point of physical harm, even torturing himself to mortify the flesh. What should motivate us to give all for God? The answer is exactly what Luther found when he was saved.
3. Read Matthew 13:45-46. An old hymn exclaims, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold." Rather than resolving to do better, confess to one

another that Jesus hasn't been of supreme value, and pray together for a renewed heart and mind. May He be radiate from your life group as a pearl of infinite price!

4. Read Matthew 13:47-50. God is silently drawing His net through the seas of humanity, but one day He will suddenly pull it closed. How might this parable influence your conversations with unbelievers?
5. Read Matthew 13:51-52. Disciples are like scribes, students of Scripture. Grasping the glory of Jesus' kingdom, they're eager to give all and go out to tell others about it. What steps might you take to better familiarize yourself with this kingdom, your future home?