**The Kingdom of Heaven is like…**

**Today: *The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl of Great Price***

**Matthew 13:44-46**

**The Parable of The Hidden Treasure- Matthew 13:44**

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man* ***found*** *and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.”*

**BIG IDEA: THE KINGDOM IS WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING I’LL EVER FIND AND POSSESS!**

* Paul tells the story of his conversion.

**Acts 22:3-8**

*“****And it came about*** *that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light* ***suddenly*** *flashed around me…”* **v.6**

*“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the* ***surpassing value*** *of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ.”* **Philippians 3:8**

**TAKEAWAY: CHRIST IS ALL I NEED!**

**The Parable of The Pearl of Great Price- Matthew 13:45-46**

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant* ***seeking*** *fine pearls, and upon* ***finding*** *one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

**BIG IDEA: OF ALL THE THINGS I SEEK, THE KINGDOM IS THE MOST WORTHY OF MY PURSUIT.**

* Jesus tells us what we need to get busy seeking after.

**Matthew 6:33**

*“****But seek first His kingdom*** *and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*

* The Ethiopian Eunuch was spiritually searching. **Acts 8:26-38**
* Cornelius’ prayers and alms were indicative of his search for righteousness **Acts 10:1-8, 30-33**

**Matthew 5:6** *“Blessed are those who* ***hunger and thirst*** *for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”*

**TAKEAWAY: WORLDLY DISSATISFACTION CAN LEAD TO ETERNAL SATISFACTION!**