



REFLECTION // DISCUSSION RESOURCE
“The Kingdom of Heaven - The Parable of the Hidden Treasure”
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Throughout Matthew 13, Jesus told eight parables known as “The Kingdom Parables”. These stories and illustrations give us a deeper understanding of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like.

Share your story of discovering or rediscovering God’s Kingdom.

Read Matthew 13:44

How do you think the Jews, as chosen trustees of God’s Kingdom (the original landowner), would’ve reacted or responded to hearing this parable?

OBSERVATION #1: Don’t miss what’s in your own backyard.

What are some of the “treasures” that God has entrusted to your own life?

In what ways can you relate to the temptation to look at what somebody else has, and miss what’s in your own backyard?

OBSERVATION #2: There’s a difference between finding and claiming treasure.

In what ways has experiencing or enjoying more of God’s Kingdom cost you?

Read about the Rich Young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22. What stands out to you about this young man’s interaction and response to Jesus?

How might a perspective and posture of joy have changed the Rich Young Ruler’s response?

The Bible describes the joy of the Lord as our strength, and we’ve probably all heard it said that the enemy attempts to steal our joy.

What do you do to protect, nurture and grow in joy?

OBSERVATION #3: The Kingdom asks our all.

What areas of your life do you find hardest to completely hand over to Jesus’ lordship? Can you describe what may be stopping you (EG: fear, doubt, personal experiences)?

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APPLICATIONS

Is there a situation or context of your life where a perspective and posture of joy might help you?
Is there an area of your life that’s been kept off-limits to God, that you could open up to Him?

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PRAYER POINTS

Pray for more leaders and volunteers to join our Kids, Youth and Young Adult Teams.
Pray by name for those 2-3 people your networks and neighbourhoods who don’t yet know Jesus.
Pray for our Seed Offering in April, and for miraculous provision for NewHope’s mission and vision.