



REFLECTION // DISCUSSION RESOURCE
“The Kingdom of Heaven - The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value”
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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, and how we can participate in the Kingdom of Heaven coming here on earth.

Read Matthew 13:44-46

Are there any parts of your faith that you’ve struggled with, because it seems to be contradictory or in conflict with another part of your faith? (EG: God as a just judge and God as a merciful saviour).

In the first parable the Kingdom is likened to a hidden treasure, but in the second the Kingdom was likened to the pearl merchant who was in search of fine pearls.

What do you notice about the contrasts and differences between these two parables?

OBSERVATION #1: The Kingdom is in search.

What do you think about the idea that the Kingdom of Heaven has an opportunistic posture?

In what way has the Kingdom of Heaven sparked your imagination or directed your sense of purpose in life?

Doc mentioned people who had eyes for talent, enterprise, generosity, potential, creativity and opportunity.

What do you believe God has given you an eye for?

OBSERVATION #2: The Kingdom commits.

Read Romans 8:31-32

How have you seen God’s Kingdom provide for you in different seasons or circumstances?

Have you experienced God’s provision for a vision or purpose He laid upon your heart or called you to?

OBSERVATION #3: The Kingdom is focused.

In what ways have you experienced losing a focus on the Kingdom and its cause? How have you learnt to better keep a Kingdom-focus?

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APPLICATIONS

Practice looking for Kingdom possibility and opportunity this week.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will open your eyes and reveal Kingdom opportunity this week.

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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.