



# Message Notes

Value!!

## **Matthew 13**

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it

**What would your first take on the parable be?**

There is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Kingdom that is often \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes it is sought, sometimes it is \_\_\_\_\_ upon but  
when it is recognized it is \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Kingdom of God— The rule reign and leadership of God over a person's entire being—(heart, soul, mind and strength). The Kingdom is received by faith not forced upon anyone and exists in a context of love.*

**What is valuable about the Kingdom of God?**

**How does the "sold everything" and "sold all he had" strike you?**

**Notice what happens to the “finder of the treasure” when he recognizes its worth?**

**The issue of priority \_\_\_\_\_!**

***Matthew 10** <sup>37</sup>"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

***Matthew 6** <sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life<sup>l</sup>?*

*<sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

**Seek \_\_\_\_\_-ly the Kingdom of God and that which would meet with His \_\_\_\_\_ . All of this that clamors for your heart's \_\_\_\_\_ and zaps your \_\_\_\_\_ will work out as well.**

**The Ruler of the Kingdom is your \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven!**

## “Just One Thing”

### A Personal and Small Group Experience

I remember a 90's movie called “City Slickers”. The Billy Crystal character goes on a dude ranch cattle drive in hopes of finding himself. Learning to know an iconic cowboy “got it all together” type played by Jack Palance—Crystal inquires about the meaning of life. Palance answers by lifting his back-gloved index finger and saying “Just One Thing” - you have to figure out “Just One Thing”! There was so much truth to that answer. Jesus would love that answer as long as He was the “Just One Thing”.

This absolute and unchallenged Number Oneness that God demands person's life is crucial for experiencing life in His Kingdom. He takes no other place. We humans are notorious for having duplicitous lives—valuing too many things at once—splitting our allegiances over an array of people and forces until we feel torn, hopeless and overwhelmed. God knows that about us and loves us anyway—He deeply desires to love us out of our duplicity. He tells the parable of the pearl and the treasure to help us focus our value systems on Him so joy, hope and peace become the experience of our lives.

Read and discuss **Matthew 13:44-46**. Consider the points made in the message last Sunday as well as what impacts you about what Jesus is saying to you today in this word.

Now go to **Matthew 6:25-34**. My suggestion is to read this section three times in the group, by three people each time a little slower. Notice what word, phrase or image captures your heart's attention. Ask God as you are listening “What are you saying to me today?” in this word. Discuss everyone's response.

What is Jesus telling you about your Heavenly Father?

What is Jesus telling you about yourself and other people?

What hope is He giving you?

Read **Philippians 4:4-7** and discuss the above three questions relative to these verses.

- Spend some time in prayer trying to convert today's anxieties into prayers and helping others do the same. Receive His Peace!

## Connecting with God this week

### “Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

**Extra Fold-Out panels are used when** Point of Grace has a special prayer emphasis. Currently the “21-days of Prayer for God’s most wanted gives you the opportunity to pray for those you know that need real connection with God with a particular emphasis on praying for and inviting them to our upcoming Alpha Course

### Scripture & Meditation Guide February 1 – February 6

#### Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.

Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”  
“How are You inviting me to respond?”

- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

***These verses will remind you to seek God and His Kingdom—Onely!***

**Monday: Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**Tuesday: Psalm 62:1-8**

**Wednesday: Matthew 6:25-34**

**Thursday: Psalm 63:1-8**

**Friday: Psalm 18:1-6**

**Saturday: Psalm 34:1-8**