



Discussion Questions

1. We're all trying to build a "good life" by adding things we enjoy—relationships, a nice home, a career, or fun experiences. What is one thing (big or small) you've added to your life recently that just makes it feel a little bit better or more comfortable?
2. If you're in this small group, it's likely that faith is part of this life you are building. Share about how you have encountered God in your life. Was there a specific experience where you knew God was present or real? Or maybe a time when you felt particularly seen or known by God? How did those experiences impact you?
3. Read this week's very short parable together in Matthew 13:44. What are some things you notice? Or, what stands out to you about this story? [You can also read and share your thoughts about verses 45-46, which tell a very similar story.]
4. The man wanted the treasure so much that he went to any length to get it. We identified four truths about the man: he safeguarded the treasure, he gave up everything, he was willing to look bad, and he was motivated by joy. When you think about letting go of some things in order to more fully receive what God has for you, which of these four is most challenging for you?
5. Getting more specific, what is one thing in your life right now that you realize you are holding onto just a little too tightly? This might be very tangible like material possessions or money. Or, it might be more intangible like status, reputation, achievements. For others it could be harmful habits, secrets or unhealthy patterns. Share with the group to whatever extent you feel comfortable.
6. What would it take for you to release what you've named? What is a specific next step you could take to do that? What is your hope for

how it will impact your relationship with God?

7. An alternate, valid interpretation of this parable is that Jesus is the man, and YOU are the treasure. He joyfully gave up everything for you. How does knowing that Jesus already dropped everything to embrace you change the way you look at the things you might need to lay down in order to more fully receive Him?