



## **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

### **Six Lessons from a Kingdom Parable**

**Text: Matthew 13: 44-46 (NKJV)**

<sup>44</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

#### **Six Lessons:**

- A. The Kingdom is priceless in value.**
  
- B. The Kingdom is not superficially visible. See also**
  - 1. Luke 13:24**
  - 2. John 1:11**
  
- C. The Kingdom must be personally accepted and appropriated. See also Romans 9:6.**

**D. The Kingdom is the source of joy. See also John 15:11.**

**E. The Kingdom may be entered from different circumstances.**

- 1. Spurgeon's story**
- 2. The Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8: 27-31**

**F. The Kingdom is made personal by a transaction. Grace and Salvation are free, but they do have a personal cost.**

- 1. Luke 9: 57- 60.**
- 2. Matthew 10: 38 – 39**
- 3. Philippians 3: 4 – 8**
- 4. Luke 15: 27 – 33.**

**What should we take away?**

**The Kingdom is precious. It is hidden. The Kingdom is personal, and is a source of joy. The Kingdom may be entered by different circumstances, but always with the cost of abandoning oneself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.**