

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Kingdom Values (Matthew 13:44-53)*

**Summary:** To see Christ and His kingdom aright entirely changes your perspective, your values. Do your values align with Christ's kingdom?

### **1. Has Christ and His Kingdom become your treasure? (vv. 44-46)**

- Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is a priceless treasure. Further, Jesus teaches that if you understand the value of the kingdom of God, you will joyfully give all in exchange for it. For when you see Christ's kingdom aright nothing else matters. You understand there is no greater treasure.
- Read Phil 3:8-10. Does this reflect your desire for Christ and His kingdom?
- What are the things that compete with Christ for the affections of your heart? What about respect from your family/friends, respect from your children, peace and quiet, sufficient funds in the bank, etc.? Why do these compete for your affections? Ask God to reveal to you the idols of your heart.

### **2. Will Christ and His kingdom save your soul? (vv. 48-49)**

- Jesus communicates the coming judgment where, like Matt 13:49-50, the angels will separate the evil people from the righteous people. The evil people will be cast alive into the furnace that burns perpetually, while the righteous will come into the presence of God.
- Do you believe Christ's warning? What does your love for things other than Christ indicate about your perspective on the value of Christ?
- Confess your sin and thank God that your salvation rests in His finished work and not your continued work.

### **3. Do Christ and His kingdom fuel your ministry? (vv. 51-53)**

- If you know Christ, then you are a skilled scribe. Those that know God, the people of God's kingdom, are entrusted with the treasure of the kingdom – Jesus Christ. Does the gospel of Jesus Christ impact your values and guide your priorities?
- What excites you? What thoughts fill your mind? What are you eager to talk about with others? Does Christ excite you more than all else? Are you eager to discuss and share Christ with others? Or are there other affections of your heart or idols of your heart that take priority? Jesus Christ is a treasure too great to hide and to hoard. Test God's grace and mercy - repent, confess your failures. Ask God for opportunity and for His strength to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.