

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Matthew 13:44-46

These questions are for the **June 1, 2025** message, **“The Kingdom’s Surpassing Worth.”** Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

The Kingdom’s Surpassing Worth:

1. The Kingdom of God
2. Treasure in the Field
3. Pearl of Great Price
4. Theology - Application

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. According to Pastor Stephen, the Kingdom of God is built upon, “...the good news of God’s plan to restore all things, and bring them under His rule through the work of Jesus Christ.” He explained that, while God *is* sovereign over all things, all of creation is in rebellion against God. How might that rebellion affect the created world around you? Your family? Your relationships? Your health? Your work? And how might God’s redemptive and restorative power change all of these things when He finally puts an end to the influence of sin?
2. The parable of the Treasure in the Field illustrates the way we ought to value the Kingdom of God. The man in the parable sold everything he had so that he could return to buy the field, and have legal claim to the treasure. We are told that the man sold his belongings with joy, because what he received in return was so valuable. If someone was to hear your words and observe your actions for one month, what would they say is your most valuable possession? How might you come to value the Kingdom of God even more?
3. Jesus went on to tell the parable of the Pearl of Great Price. And again, the main character in the parable—a merchant, finds that no sacrifice can compare to the value of the Kingdom of God. So, he abandons his wealth to chase after it, not allowing anything to get in his way. What in your life might prevent you from realizing the full value of the Kingdom of God? What might get in the way of your pursuing Him fully? And how might you set those distractions aside?
4. Pastor Stephen taught that God is calling us to re-evaluate our priorities and what is important to us, in light of the greatest value of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul considered everything loss, against the value of Christ. How can your Life Group encourage you to pursue Jesus more deeply? How can your group help you to cast off the distractions that are keeping you from pursuing Christ fully?