

**Finders and Seekers**  
**Matthew 13:44-46**

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1. Have you ever gone on a treasure hunt?
2. Did you know the Bible talks about treasure hunters?
  - a. Books in the Bible like Job and Proverbs write about hidden treasures.
3. In our reading today, Jesus talks about two men finding treasure, one was actively seeking treasure and the other found it accidentally. What spiritual lessons does Jesus have for us here?

**I. Some Find The Kingdom By Accident. (Matthew 13:44)**

- A. The Kingdom is like a **“treasure hidden in a field.”**
- B. In the parable, Jesus describes a man who found just such a hidden treasure.
- C. The point is this: The kingdom of God is a priceless treasure.

**II. Some Find the Kingdom By Searching. (Matthew 13:45)**

- A. This parable is about a merchant seeking beautiful pearls.
  1. **Matthew 7:6; Revelation 21:21**
- B. When the merchant found this pearl of great value, he sold everything he had and bought it. **(v. 46)**
- C. This parable tells a timeless truth.
  1. When you find Jesus, you don't just think some thoughts about him, but he thrills you and challenges you.

**III. Consider These Principles From The Parables.**

- A. First, the Kingdom is personal.
- B. Second, the Kingdom is priceless.
  1. **Matthew 6:20-21; 2 Corinthians 4:7**
- C. Third, the Kingdom is not easily discovered.
  1. **1 Corinthians 2:14**
- D. Fourth, the Kingdom is the source of true joy.
  1. **John 15:11**
- E. The supreme treasure of Jesus is yours for the taking.