

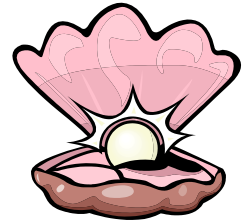
*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*  
**Matthew 13:44-52**

***Getting Started***

Have you ever stumbled across or searched for something valuable? Describe your experience.

***Digging In***

1. **Read Matthew 13:44.** Tell this parable in your own words.
2. Jesus is **not** teaching about the ethics of buying real estate. What is the **main point** of this parable?
3. **Read Matthew 13:45-46.** Paraphrase this parable.
4. What is the **main point** of this parable?
5. In what way is this parable **like** the preceding one? In what way is it **different**?
6. How do you think God wants us to apply the teaching of these first two parables to our lives today?
7. **Read Matthew 13:47-48.** Tell the parable in your own words.
8. **Read Matthew 13:49-50.** How does Jesus interpret this parable?
9. How is this parable like the *Parable of the Weeds* in Matt 13:24-30,36-43?
10. **Read Matthew 13:51-52.** Do you think Jesus' disciples really understood what he'd been teaching? Why or why not? (cf. 13:11,16)
11. What do you think Jesus means in v. 52 by *new treasures as well as old*?
12. Like the disciples, we've been entrusted with the message about the kingdom. What implications does this have for the way we live?



***Getting Personal***

- What place does the kingdom of God have in your life?
- What opportunities is God giving you to share the good news of the kingdom with others?