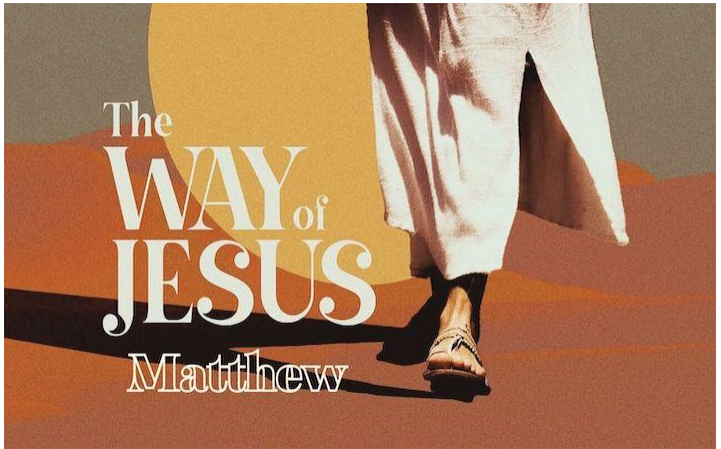


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 30, 2023:
The Way of Jesus - Matthew: Treasure



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What do you treasure most? Has that changed since 5 years ago? 10 years?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

47 "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

52 He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Matthew 13:44-52

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.

1. What is the central message conveyed in the parable of the hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44)? How does it relate to the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. In the parable of the pearl of great value (Matthew 13:45-46), what does the merchant symbolize, and what does the pearl represent? What does this parable teach about the value of the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. Jesus asked the disciples if they understood the parables. How did they respond, and what did Jesus explain to them in Matthew 13:51-52?
4. How do the parables in Matthew 13:44-52 collectively depict various aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven? What lessons can be drawn from studying these parables together?
5. In the parable of the dragnet, both good fish and bad fish are caught. What does this reveal about the nature of the Church and the coexistence of believers and non-believers?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who brings out of his treasure what is new and

what is old" (Matthew 13:52)? How does this relate to the understanding and teaching of God's Word?

7. Reflect on the themes of joy and sacrifice in the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value. How do these parables encourage believers to prioritize their relationship with God above all else?
8. How do the parables in Matthew 13:44-52 exemplify Jesus' teaching style and use of analogies to convey profound spiritual truths? What can modern-day Christians learn from this approach to teaching?

- **SERVE** *others*

This month Royal Redeemer is supporting Reach Out Lakota, a local organization that provides food and clothing to families living in West Chester and Liberty Township. Bob Donnellon is our liaison with Reach Out Lakota, to get further connected or find out more about their work, please reach out bobdonnellon@gmail.com

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**