

## **No. 24      Have You Found a “Pearl of High Value”?**

PLEASE NOTE: Motivate the audience to do whatever is necessary to gain the blessings of God’s Kingdom. This talk includes artwork and a video. If you wish, you may use the artwork to illustrate the points where indicated

### **THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO MANKIND’S PROBLEMS (4 min.)**

The world today is filled with problems and suffering

People put forth great effort in search of solutions, often with limited results

Jesus taught that God’s Kingdom is the real solution to mankind’s problems

He used two illustrations to show the value of the truth about God’s Kingdom [Read **Matthew 13:44-46**] (w14 12/15 10 ¶16-18)

In one illustration, a man working in a field unexpectedly found a hidden treasure [Image 1]

In the second illustration, a traveling merchant was actively seeking fine pearls [Image 2]

Both men made sacrifices to obtain something of even greater value

Jesus’ illustrations make us think about how we will respond to Kingdom truth

### **WHAT IS “THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS”? (4 min.)**

God’s Kingdom was the main focus of Jesus’ teaching (Lu 8:1)

The Kingdom is a government in heaven set up by God that will replace human governments (Da 2:44)

Jehovah has appointed Jesus Christ as Ruler of the Kingdom (Re 11:15)

God invites everyone to accept the Kingdom’s rule and benefit from the blessings that it will bring to mankind (Ac 10:34, 35)

### **WHY IS KINGDOM TRUTH SO VALUABLE? (7 min.)**

God will use the Kingdom to accomplish his will for the earth and mankind (Mt 6:10)

By performing miracles, Jesus showed what the Kingdom will do

By calming a storm, he showed that the Kingdom will control earth’s natural forces, solving environmental problems (Mr 4:37-39) [Image 3]

By miraculously feeding thousands, he showed that the Kingdom will eliminate hunger (Mt 14:19-21) [Image 4]

By healing people, he showed that the Kingdom will bring perfect health (Mt 9:35) [Image 5]

By resurrecting people, he showed that the Kingdom will reverse the effects of death (Lu 7:12-15) [Image 6]

Jesus taught how we can gain everlasting life under the Kingdom (Joh 3:16)

### **HOW CAN YOU BUY KINGDOM TRUTH? (7 min.)**

The men in Jesus’ illustrations sold all they had in order to obtain the treasure they had found

You can show that you value Kingdom truth by putting the Kingdom first in your life (Mt 6:33)

Set aside the time needed to learn about God and his Kingdom (Eph 5:15, 16)

Make this your priority ahead of gaining money, education, or a career (Mt 6:24; Lu 9:62)

Apply Bible teachings in your life (Joh 13:17)

Reject conduct that would keep you from benefiting from the Kingdom (Ga 5:19-21)

Support God’s Kingdom, even if friends or relatives are displeased with you (Mt 10:36, 37)

The blessings of the Kingdom are more valuable than any sacrifices you may make to gain them [Read **Luke 18:29, 30**]

### **WILL YOU BUY THE “PEARL OF HIGH VALUE”? (8 min.)**

The men in Jesus’ illustrations promptly bought what they had found, doing so with joy (Mt 13:44, 46)

As those men did, focus on the value of what you have found rather than on its cost

In Bible times, many made changes because they valued Kingdom truth

Zacchaeus quit his dishonest practices and donated to the poor (Lu 19:2, 5-8)

The apostle Paul left behind a promising career and the religion he had been taught as a youth (Ga 1:14; Php 3:8)

Many in modern times have also found joy in seeking first the Kingdom

[Invite the audience to watch a three-minute video of individuals who correspond to the two men in Jesus’ illustrations. After the video is shown, briefly highlight how their joy in finding the truth outweighed any sacrifices they made]

Jesus warmly invites you to be his follower (Mt 11:28-30)

His invitation remains open now, but it will not stay open permanently (2Co 6:2)

If you buy the “pearl of high value,” you will never be disappointed (Ro 10:11)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

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