

Rock Your World

"Bought In or Sold Out?" Participant's Discussion

1. Discuss: Prioritize from 1 to 4 (1 being most important to them, 4 being less important to them), how you think believers in America really live their lives according to the following values: pursuing their career, purchasing things, involvement with the family, how they use their time.

2. Read Matt. 13:44

- According to the parable of the hidden treasure what did the man value most?
- What did he do to get the treasure?
- What did Jesus say was the price of the field?

3. Read Matt. 13:45-46

- According to the parable of the merchant, what is the man's business?
- What is the market value of the pearl he finds?
- What does he pay for the pearl?
- Does the merchant think the pearl a fair exchange for what he paid? How do you know?

4. According to Jesus' 2 parables what's the cost of being a follower of Jesus in the Kingdom?

Jesus gives these parables in a pair because he intends to reinforce the same point-the supreme worth/value of living like a Kingdom person.

In both parables, Jesus makes the same point: *those who know where the treasure lies and those who know the value of the kingdom gladly and joyfully abandon everything, and exchange all else to follow Him.*

5. Read together Luke 14:25-33 and 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

6. Share with one another:

- How God is perhaps tugging on you in regards to making the pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom a defining characteristic of your life.

Prayer Requests: _____
