



Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

CONNECT with self and others:

- 1. What is the most valuable thing you have ever "found" on the sidewalk or park etc?
2. What is something worth selling "all you have" to obtain that new treasure?

NOTES: [horizontal lines for writing]

READ
Matthew 13:44-46 Pearl of Great Value

In the first parable, the man can represent any man or women, and the treasure that someone found in the field as the kingdom of Jesus that they discover. However, with a more Christ-centered interpretation, the field is the world, the treasure is you the hearer of the parable, and the man is Christ, who gives up the glory of heaven to win you by paying to find you, His treasure.

In contrast to the previous parable, verses 45-46, the parable of the pearl of great value, shows this merchant was busily seeking to discover fine pearls. When he found one perfect in size, shape, and color, he sold all he had and bought it.

In both the parables, both the man and the merchant, gave "all he had" to buy this treasure. God in Jesus gave "all he had" to purchase you from sin and death. The basic truth in both is: earthly possessions cannot compare with the immense value and cost of God's kingdom. We must not press the details of these parables to say that one can buy entrance into God's kingdom by sacrificing all possessions. We inherit the kingdom by grace through faith in Christ, who purchased and redeemed us with His precious blood.



