Sermon Outline
THE KINGDOM OF GOD: TRUE RICHES
Matthew 13: 44-46

Message: The kingdom of God is of so great value that you give up everything to gain it

I. Context of the Parable
These two parables are in the form of a similitude. Similitudes are simple analogies based on typical everyday occurrence. Jesus’ parables have 2 functions: For those who believed, they give further insight and knowledge. But for those who rejected Jesus and his message, they only make the subject harder to understand.

A. A peasant farmer stumbling over treasure

B. A merchant searching for fine pearls

The two parables have the same five elements and in the same order: (1) a priceless commodity that is hid (2) it is found (3) the finder goes away (4) he sells all he has and (5) buys it.

II. Crux of the Parable (13: 44-46)
Jesus’ basic message is simply this that the kingdom of God is of such immense value that it is worth giving up everything to gain it.

A. Discovering the hidden treasure and pearl

B. Finding the valuable treasure and pearl

C. Selling all possessions to buy it.
III. Christ in the Parable (13: 24-25, 37, 39)
The kingdom of God can be described as that world where Christ graciously rules and eternally blesses those who willingly and gladly embrace Him as Lord by faith. It is here where God shares Himself with the faithful saved by grace in Christ. To receive the kingdom, therefore, is to enter the kingdom and live with God forever. The kingdom is a spiritual dominion. For Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). The kingdom embraces all who are truly God's people.

A. Makes the Kingdom precious

B. Makes the Kingdom discoverable

IV. Challenge of the Parable

A. What is the worth of the Kingdom of God to you?

B. Does discipleship cost you?

C. Why do many ignore and reject the Kingdom?