

Part 3

HE IS MY PEARL

Matthew 13:44-46

"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.

Luke 10:41-42

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorn- ing its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Message notes:

Jesus's joy was in gaining _____.

Our _____ determine our future.

If it is Jesus, there is joy in the _____.

There will always be rivals to being _____ Jesus.

You need to be a _____ first before you go and do service.

When you are captured with who Jesus is, you'll want to _____ what He has to say.

It is far more _____ to receive than it is to give.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

How did seeing yourself as “a valuable pearl for Jesus to buy” change your past week?

Why is it important to value Jesus as the pearl of great price?

How do priorities help you to discern what to cheat?

Is it actually possible to have joy during the sacrifices that you make to follow Jesus? How can we experience that joy?

Is it more valuable to be busy doing something for Jesus, or to be sitting at His feet? How do we learn to value these things in the right way?

How often do you spend time in prayer with Jesus? How can we encourage you to grow more in this?

Are you a good receiver—or you only a good giver?

Ministry Time Questions:

Do you need to surrender things in your life to Jesus?

Have you been struggling with being a receiver instead of always giving out to others?