

Small Group & Personal Bible Study Lesson

Memory Verse: Matthew 10:39

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (These are the words of Jesus Christ)

Study Questions:

Read Matthew 13:44-45

In this message we learn that the kingdom of God is of great value and worth far more than any other thing we could possess. We also learn that people come into God’s kingdom in different ways. Some stumble into it while others desperately seek it.

1. Describe how you came into the kingdom of God, did you seek it or stumble upon it. What were the circumstances that brought you to God?

Allow people to share their testimony and attempt to determine how they either were seeking God or stumbled upon him. Either way, it is God’s hand to bring them to him.

2. How can you know when someone is seeking after the kingdom of God?

God uses circumstances and people in the lives of non-followers to draw them to him. God is always at work in our lives. (John 5:17, John 6:44, Romans 3:11) When we hear people asking spiritual or eternal questions we know God is working on them. At the same time, when things happen in lives that need the comfort of God, we know God is working on them.

3. Would you describe the kingdom of God as priceless to you? What would you be willing to give up, sell, and sacrifice for the kingdom of God? What have you been unwilling to give up for God?

Allow people a chance to share their hearts.

Many people struggle with materials treasures coming between them and God. Some struggle with sins that they are unwilling to give up. Still others struggle with putting God first in life, even before family. When any of these treasures remain in our lives, it is a symptom of our distorted view of the value of Kingdom of God.

4. How have you experienced a joy that comes only from knowing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and come to understand that it is far greater than any treasure on earth?

Let people share the joy they have in Christ. Use these testimonies as an opportunity to praise God with your mouths. Consider even singing a song of praise together as you close or reading one of the Psalms from the daily reading list below.

Daily Reading Plan:

(I added a couple days of reading this week so that you can praise him each day reading Psalms of praise and be strengthened in your commitment to our Lord God Almighty)

Day 1 – Psalm 144

Day 2 – Psalm 145

Day 3 – Psalm 146

Day 4 – Psalm 147

Day 5 – Psalm 148

Day 6 – Psalm 149

Day 7 – Psalm 150