The Parables of The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl

Matthew 13: 44-46

44 "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.

Summary of these parables: The Kingdom of God is both personal and valuable.

The Kingdom of God has highest value.

Matthew 25:14-18

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, *dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.* (emphasis mine)

The Kingdom of God has personal value.

This parable inevitably leads us to the question: Is this what having Jesus in your life is like for you?

Matthew 20:26

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her.

The upside-down nature of the Kingdom leads us to want the **King** without the **Kingship** of Jesus

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."
Jim Elliot