

SERMON NOTES: February 8th, 2026

Discovering The Kingdom

Matthew 13:31-52

I. The Kingdom of Heaven is SURPRISING - 13:31-35

II. The Kingdom of Heaven is VALUABLE - 13:44-46

He presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his field;” - 13:31

III. The Kingdom of Heaven is REELED - 13:47-50

IV. The Kingdom of Heaven APPLIED - 13:41-52

And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure new things and old.” 13:52

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever unexpectedly discovered something of great value? What was it, and how did you react?
2. What is the significance of the mustard seed's size in comparison with its growth? What truth does this reveal about the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. A very small amount of yeast will permeate a large amount of dough given time. What are the lessons this teaches us about the power of God's Kingdom?
4. Have you ever thought about how small the "Kingdom of Heaven" was at the beginning of Christ's ministry? Have you considered that God can do much with little? How should this truth change the way we view our kingdom service?
5. What is the Kingdom of Heaven, and why is it important to rightly define it when it comes to these parables?
6. The one who comes to know Christ as King is the one who has found joy. How does this joy reprioritize the man who finds the treasure in the field? How should it reprioritize us?
7. Why were pearls so valuable in the time of the disciples? Why does the man sell all that he has to possess (participate with) it? How valuable is walking with Christ to you?
8. The dragnet teaches that Christ chooses to build His Kingdom in a world that is rebellious. What does this teach us about Christ? Why shouldn't we take His tolerance and grace for granted (what lies ahead at the end of the age)?
9. Jesus simply asks all, "Do you understand this?" If we do, we are now "scribes" who understand the mystery of the Kingdom and are called to graciously share the good news. Are you? How do you think God wants you to do this in the week ahead?