



Week Three | Hidden Treasure and Pearl | 03.20-21.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Even though this world isn't how we think it should be, there was a day when there was no pain and no problems, and it will be that way again one day. But, the good news is, heaven isn't just where you are going, it's also what you can bring here now!

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is a hobby you had as a child that you have since grown out of?
- Digging Deeper: Why was this hobby so special at one time? What would it look like if you had not outgrown your childhood hobby?

» Observation | Read Matthew 13:44-46; 6:25-34 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | When you get what counts, you stop counting what doesn't. (12 minutes)

- In this passage, Jesus is describing the value of our relationship with Him. How has your understanding of that value changed over time?

» Kingdom of Treasure | Reference Matthew 13:44 (12 minutes)

- What is your most valuable treasure? Is this something that would be valuable to everyone, or is it something unique to you?
- Why do you think Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to earthly items that people treasured? What does this say about our hearts?

» Kingdom of Value | Reference Matthew 13:45-46 (12 minutes)

- What have you had to give up personally to follow Jesus practically?
- What are some things that can become distractions in our pursuit of Jesus when we're not careful?

» Kingdom of Today | Reference Matthew 6:25-34 (12 minutes)

- What does seeking God's kingdom first look like in your life right now?
- What would change for you if you could stop worrying and start trusting?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What have you been resisting giving up that's getting in your way - distracting you from the things that really matter?
- Close by praying for each other to evaluate what matters most to you right now and what this reveals about your relationship with God.