

RCMI L-Path Teaching
March 8, 2020 [2nd service]

TITLE: DISCOVERING THE ETERNAL TREASURE

TEXT: Matthew 13: 44-46

BIG IDEA: The one who discovers the eternal value of the Kingdom of God will be willing to trade it with everything he has on earth.

INTRO: Q: What do you value most?

- Some of the most valuable material possessions of man are art pieces particularly paintings.
- Paintings are valuable because the artist signs them. What do you value most? And also, how much do you think is your value?
- *Imago Dei* means: God, the greatest Artist, has signed you and me because we are created in the image of God. If it's based on signature, I'm sure everything with God's signature on it is priceless!
- **KINGDOM MIND.** The Kingdom of Heaven is here, right now, & seeking it should be the top priority of ourselves.
- **I don't know if you understand the eternal value of the Kingdom of God.**
- In Matthew 13, Jesus taught a lot about the Kingdom using parables. Parables have been called "earthly stories with a heavenly meaning."

BODY: DISCOVERING THE ETERNAL TREASURE

MAIN POINT: The one who discovers [*uncover*] the eternal value of the Kingdom of God will be willing to trade it with everything he has on earth.

We Earnestly Seek What We Greatly Value

- Eventually, what we greatly value becomes our life.

Let's try to understand what Jesus was talking about. Here is the object of comparison in the twin parables, the phrase:

The Kingdom Of Heaven [God]

- The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are one and the same, you can actually interchange them.
- When we talk about the Kingdom of Heaven, we're not talking about a place, it's not a realm.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is about God's Rule and Reign on Earth.
- The Kingdom of God came on Earth during the First Coming of Jesus and will find it's fulfillment on His Second Coming.

- The Kingdom of God has two very important factors. That is what we call the future event and the present reality. “Already But Not Yet!”

The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

- In those days treasures are usually buried, why? There were no banks, no safety houses where you can just deposit and store them for safe keeping.
- “Under rabbinic law if a workman came on a treasure in a field and lifted it out, it would belong to his master, the field’s owner; but here the man is careful not to lift the treasure out till he has bought the field.” (Carson)
- The **central idea** of both parables is the **ETERNAL value** of the Kingdom of God.
- **Eternal**- something that is lasting or forever existing; infinite; valid for all time; never-ending; boundless, etc.
- The Kingdom of God is so valuable that it is worth sacrificing everything to gain it.

CHALLENGE: In God's Kingdom we always gain more than we give away ... a great treasure awaits us in His kingdom ... a treasure that's worth more than everything we have! The Bible is the great treasure map, hid in it is such great wealth!

DISCUSSION:

- What have you learned from the message this morning?
- Are you now willing to give up everything for the Kingdom of God? Share.