



Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller

Sunday, February 4, 2018

**Lesson: The Treasure Parables**

**Matthew 13:44-46**

While not a “series” in the technical sense since we’ll discuss this off and on throughout the year, today we start “Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller” which is a study of the parables of Jesus. Our study continues with the parables known as “The Treasure Parables.”

**ICEBREAKER:**

What is the most valuable thing (price-wise) that you own, have seen, or would like to see?

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Read Matthew 13:44-46.
2. Where was the treasure hidden?
3. What happened when the man uncovered the hidden treasure? How did he feel?
4. How valuable was the pearl?
5. How did the merchant react when he found the pearl?

6. How can we maintain the joy and excitement we had when we first discovered Christ?
7. What do these two parables have in common? What is the main difference?
8. Other than buried treasure or a pearl of great price, what illustrations could you use personally to explain the value of knowing Christ to others?
9. When, if ever, has your relationship with Christ cost you something?
10. Colossians 2:3 says “in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” What does this mean to you? What treasures are found in Christ?
11. **BONUS THOUGHT QUESTION:** How do these two parables talk about God’s pursuit of us and our pursuit of God?