

**PARABLE OF THE PEARL**

Matthew 13:45-46

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• What is your most valuable personal possession? When did you get it and why is it so meaningful to you?

• Do you collect anything? Why do you collect and when did you start your collection?

• What gives a valuable it’s worth? Is it what it is made of, or who owns it, or its history? A combination of those?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Matthew 13:45-46. Why does Jesus compare people to a pearl of great value?

* Is the kingdom of God a place, or a people (hint: Did Jesus pay the great price of His life for a place or a people?)
* What is the point Jesus is making when he says the person sold everything he had to purchase the pearl?
* Why does Jesus want us to know the value he places on people?
* Read Isaiah 53:12. What did Jesus do to show value to people?
* Read Ephesians 5:25-27. Who is “the church” that Christ loved? How did He show his love for her?
* What does it mean to be “holy and without blemish”?
* Why does God want us to draw a connection between the people we know and something of great value?
* How does our sense of value toward people (spiritually) affect how we live and lead each day?



• Are you holding on to something in your life or leadership that is not of lasting value? How might you re-prioritize around areas that are of long-lasting value?

• Have you found the “pearl of great price” in your life and leadership? If not, what steps might you take this week to pursue the pearl of great price?