



DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 13v44-52 – Treasure, Pearls & Nets

PLEASE READ – Matthew 13v44-52

GETTING STARTED

If someone watched a video of the last year of your life, what would they think was most precious to you?

1) JESUS IS A... PRICELESS TREASURE

Work through the first 2 parables and chat about what is similar and what is different...

What are the main things that Jesus wants us to understand? (v51)

What are the specific challenges for you?

Has the pear lost any of its shine for you?

How often do you slow down to consider the infinite worth of Jesus?

2) JESUS IS A... PRECIOUS SAVIOUR

If you were to summarise the parable of the net in 3 single words. What words would you use?

How does the Kingdom of heaven differ in this parable from the first 2 parables?

How should we understand the language of 'good and bad' / 'righteous and wicked'? (see also Rom 3v10-12 / Mark 10v18)

How serious is the warning in v49-50?

What do v51-52 add to the teaching we find in the 3 parables?

Where do you feel the challenge most?

Meditate on the words of the apostle Paul below...

Rom 1v16-17: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."