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- 1) Read Matthew 13:44-58. Is there anything from the sermon or passage that you found confusing, surprising or encouraging?

"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.." Matthew 6:20

- 2) Compare the parable of the treasure and the pearl. What does the search tell us about how people come to faith in Jesus? What complicates the search?
- 3) Read Proverbs 2:1-5 & 3:13-15. What is the treasure Christians ought to pursue? How does the teaching in Proverbs connect with Jesus' parable of the treasure?
- 4) How is your life like a treasure hunt? Have you ever been disappointed when you found the treasure you were looking for? If the kingdom of heaven is a priceless treasure, worth giving everything for, why do people not see it? What, in your experience, do people overlook?
- 5) Jesus gives a description of discipleship in vs. 51-52. What is your practice of pulling out old and new treasures? How does that work? Are you able to pull out treasures about Jesus in the Old Testament and New Testament? How is the church, the pearl of great price, found by Christ? This all assumes we see Jesus as the most valuable possession in the cosmos.
- 6) Take time to pray for one another's needs. Also pray that we as a church would be given the joy of having Christ, God's treasure, and that it would be evident to those around us.