



## Hidden Treasure

WK 55 Matthew

**WARM UP:** *What's the most valuable thing you've ever found? Were you looking for it or did you just stumble across it?*

**Background:** *Finders keepers. Losers weepers.* Who hasn't dreamed of striking it rich by finding buried treasure or stumbling across something incredibly valuable that others overlooked at a yard sale or flea-market? Honestly, we all have but I doubt very seriously that any of us have done it. Truth is, over 30 of the worlds most valuable works of art and items of historical importance remain lost and are still waiting to be found.

So when Jesus told the story of someone finding a treasure buried in a field and the story of a man finding a priceless pearl, he had everyone's attention. It was the things that dreams are made of but each story had a catch. To obtain the treasure, each man would have to liquidate everything of value they owned just to make it their own it. It was an all or nothing proposition.

### **READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 13:44-46**

1. *Was the man who found the treasure in the field looking for it or did he just happen to stumble across it?*
2. *What dilemma does this produce for him and why?*
3. *What does he decide to do?*
4. *What was the merchant searching for? What was he planning to do with them when he found them?*
5. *What changed for him when he found the pearl of great value?*
6. *What happens when the holy is made common or taken for granted?*
7. *When it comes to your salvation, who are you more like; the owner of the field or the man who discovered its true value?*
8. *What was Jesus' point?*