

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

February 11

## A PRICELESS TREASURE

**LIFE POINT:** The value you place on something is shown by what you'll give up for it.

**Matthew 13:44-46 (NLT)**

*Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl*

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"*

**Matthew 13:51 (NIV)** *"Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked. 'Yes,' they replied."*

*The famous Roman historian Pliny the elder said:*

*"The first place and the topmost rank among all things of price is held by pearls ... Their whole value lies in their brilliance, size, roundness, smoothness, and weight ... There have been two pearls that were the largest in the whole of history; both were owned by Cleopatra ... they had come down to her through the hands of the kings of the East."*

**MAIN POINT:** The Kingdom of God offers us a greater joy.

**LIFE POINT:** God is not upset at you because you want to be happy.

**Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)** *"The joy of the Lord is our strength."*

**Psalms 4:7** *"You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound."*

*"We are still making mud pies in a slum because we don't believe in an offer of a holiday at the beach. Our problem is not that we love pleasure too much. Our problem is that we are too easily pleased." - C.S. Lewis*

**Matthew 6:33(ESV)** *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*

**Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)** *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

**Meditate on this week:**

1. Nothing, in all the universe, is more valuable than following Jesus and His Kingdom. We should joyfully lay everything down to pursue it!
2. Nothing, in all the universe, is more valuable to Jesus than to have a relationship with you. He joyfully laid everything down in pursuit of you!