

# MATTHEW

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## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. These two parables are usually interpreted in nearly the same way. What similarities do the parables share?

What are indicators that these parables are telling different stories? (What are the differences between them?)

2. The kingdom of heaven is like . . . (v. 44).

Who is the man?

What is the man's reaction to finding the treasure?

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3. How might Jesus' questions in Mark 8:36-37 be pertinent to this parable?

4. What bearing do the Apostle Paul's words have on this parable (Philippians 3:7-8)?

5. The kingdom of heaven is like . . . (vv. 45-46).

Who is the merchant (c.f., Luke 19:10)?

What is the merchant's response to finding the treasure?

6. What do the following passages have to do with this parable?

- John 3:16
- Philippians 2:5-8
- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Galatians 2:20

What do these passages suggest to be the identity of the pearl? Reflect on the significance of this.

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will reflect the true value of the kingdom in my interest this week by . . .

I will reflect the true value of the kingdom in my actions this week by . . .

I will reflect the true value of the kingdom by the care with which I guard it this week by . . .