

Talk It Over

Stories that Stick

Part 1 - "The Deal of a Lifetime"

SMALL TALK

1. Have you ever experienced a moment when you had to give up something valuable for something even more valuable? What was it, and what was the experience like?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Matthew 13:44-46.** What do these parables teach us about the kingdom of heaven?
3. **READ Ephesians 2:6-9.** How does this passage emphasize that salvation is a gift from God and not something that can be earned through our own efforts or works? How does this contrast with the idea of "selling everything" for the treasure in Jesus' parables? How do both points fit together?

GETTING PERSONAL

4. What are some things in your life that you might need to let go of in order to fully embrace the kingdom of heaven (the King's way rather than your way)?
5. How does the concept of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9) impact your understanding of the value of the kingdom of heaven? How does this understanding influence your willingness to surrender everything for the sake of the kingdom?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

6. Are there any areas of your life where you may be clinging to worldly treasures/values/lifestyle/ rather than pursuing the surpassing worth of King Jesus and his kingdom? What can you do to desire the eternally significant treasures more?