



Series title: The Kingdom of God

Session title: A treasure, a pearl

These 2 mini parables are a parallelism with those of the yeast and mustard seed; they help to explain the previous teachings on soils, weeds etc. The man and merchant in these parables is God, and He treasures us and would go to any lengths to have us as His own.

Hints from OT to confirm this: Proverbs 2: 1-8. Another is Ezekiel 16.

Read Ezekiel 16 together: where God finds 'us' abandoned in a field; He makes us His own and cares for us, giving us everything to make us beautiful: 'I made you grow like a plant in the field, and you entered puberty [Hebrew translates this as beautiful jewel, arriving at full adornment – blossoming into womanhood]

We may have been hidden in the dirt, but Jesus saw our potential beauty and worth to Him, so He gave up everything He had to have us and to give us eternal life with Him.

### Talk it through together

- In what ways do we know and appreciate that Jesus sees us as precious jewels and exquisite pearls?
- Do we understand what Jesus has given to beautify us? We don't want to take these things for granted as in the Ezekiel passage
- Celebrate Breaking Bread together and have a time of thanksgiving!

### Resources

**Listen to:**  
Bema Episode 113

**Read through:**

Matthew 13:44-46  
Ezekiel 16

**Watch:**