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“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” – Matthew 13:44, ESV

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

- The rule and reign of King Jesus.

Where is the Kingdom of Heaven?

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” – Matthew 6:9b-10, ESV

- The kingdom of heaven is fully complete in heaven.
- The kingdom is partially complete on earth.
- Jesus preached that the kingdom of heaven is near and now. (Matthew 3:2, Luke 17:20-21, Matthew 10:7)

Why is the Kingdom hidden?

- Not everybody has eyes to see.
 - We don't see because of our sin.
 - We don't see because we aren't looking.

What is the Kingdom of Heaven worth?

- The kingdom is worth everything! (Revelation 5:1-14)
- Why is it worth everything? Because the kingdom is Jesus.

Merely selling all of your stuff isn't enough to buy the kingdom.

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The purchase of the treasure in the field involves giving all your life since Jesus gave all of his.

- *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? - Romans 8:32 , ESV*

Buying the treasure hidden in the field is a fantastic bargain!

- You give up something temporary to gain what is eternal.

Next Steps (*Bellingham Campus Only*)

- For the next 27 days read one chapter of the Gospel of Matthew per day. Pay careful attention to the teaching about the kingdom of God and ask God in prayer to give you “eyes to see” the treasure hidden in the field.
- Join one of the hundreds of small groups at CTK to explore living life in kingdom with others. <http://www.ctkbellingham.com/findagroup/>
- If you want to start a relationship with Jesus, talk to and pray with a person up front after the service.
- Talk to Brian Steele about joining CTK Student Life as a volunteer if you want to help bring good news of the kingdom of God to students in Whatcom County.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Describe a time when you’ve found a fantastic bargain shopping.
- 2) Do you have any collectibles and prized possessions? What are they?
- 3) If you were to retell Jesus’ parable of the treasure hidden in the field to best relate to a modern audience, how would you tell the parable?
- 4) What are the areas of your life where God’s kingdom is not fully come?
- 5) What are some ways that sincerely praying “Your kingdom come...” would change you?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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