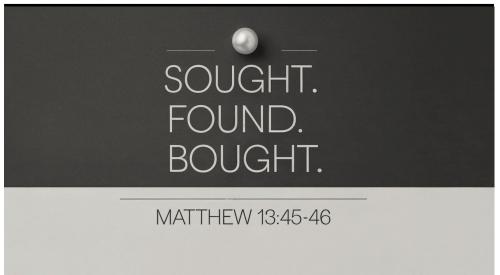
# Sought. Found. Bought.

February 23, 2025 | *Matthew 13:45-46* 



## **Observations from Matthew 13:45-46:**

What is happening in this?

#### The Merchant

- A seeker searching for something truly valuable.
  - Supporting Verses: *Proverbs 2:4-5, Matthew 7:7*

#### The Fine Pearls

- Many things in life have value, but not all are equal.
  - Supporting Verses: Ecclesiastes 1:14, Job 28:18

#### The One Pearl of Great Price

- Singular, priceless, and surpassing all others.
  - Supporting Verses: *Philippians 3:8, Matthew 6:33*

### Selling Everything

- Demonstrates total surrender for something of immeasurable worth.
  - Supporting Verses: Luke 14:33, Matthew 16:24-26

### Buying the Pearl

- A decisive, all-in commitment.
  - Supporting Verses: Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:20

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## **Lessons from Matthew 13:45-46:**

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

#### • God is the Merchant, and We Are His Pearl

- God actively searches for His people, redeeming them at great cost.
  - Supporting Verses: Luke 19:10, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Revelation 21:21

#### · We Are the Merchant, and Christ Is the Pearl

- The Kingdom is life-changing for those who realize its worth.
  - Supporting Verses: Matthew 7:7, Jeremiah 29:13, Philippians 3:7-8

**Both views are true:** God seeks us (*Luke 19:10*), but we must also seek Him (*James 4:8, Matthew 13:9*).

# **Application from Matthew 13:45-46:**

How can I apply / live this out?

#### • Do You Recognize Your Worth to God?

- You are God's pearl, sought after and redeemed.
  - Supporting Verses: 1 Corinthians 6:20, Isaiah 43:1, Romans 5:8

### Are You Searching for the Right Treasure?

- Many things seem valuable, but only one is truly priceless.
  - Supporting Verses: Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:13-15, Jeremiah 29:13

### Are You Willing to Go All In?

- When you find something this valuable, don't hesitate-go all in.
  - Supporting Verses: Luke 14:33, Philippians 3:7-8, Matthew 16:24-26

## • Are You Helping Others Find the Pearl?

- If you know where the greatest treasure is, shouldn't you share it?
  - Supporting Verses: Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Romans 10:14

## Reflection Questions:

- Are you searching for the Pearl of Great Value, or lesser pearls?
- What would it look like to live out your faith by helping others find The Pearl of Great Value (Jesus Christ)?

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