



Week 12 | Short Stories | August 6

Key Focus: Hope

Opening Up:

- What is the most dangerous hobby, sport, or adventure you have ever tried?
- Is there a “dangerous” activity (like shark diving, sky diving, or gator wrestling) that you would try if given the opportunity?
- Have you ever pursued something you believed in with such a passion that you “left it on the field?” (That is to say, you really gave it your all.)

Reference: Matthew 13:44-46

Discuss:

1. The value of the treasure and the pearl (like the kingdom) were so great that everything was sold to obtain them. How have you experienced the value of the kingdom in your life?
2. In the first parable a treasure is found accidentally and the second parable a seeker found a pearl of great price. How did you discover the Jesus, accidentally or by searching? Explain.
3. What do you think it means to “surrender all that I am for all that Christ is?”
4. Where the benefits of trusting in Christ’s accomplishments over your own?
5. In the last year, how has Christ given you...
 1. Peace.
 2. Joy.
 3. Love.
 4. Purpose.
6. In what ways are you needing Christ’s kingdom to be manifest in your life right now?
7. Pray.