## Sermon Notes - February 12, 2017

## "Great Value" Matthew 13:44-46 Pastor Bill Hoffman

Jesus has been speaking about "the kingdom of heaven" since the beginning of his ministry. What does this mean, and why is it so valuable? (Think in terms of what it means for a person's identity, purpose, & destiny.)

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, people who more or less recognize the value of the kingdom of heaven and that Jesus is the king.

 For people who are already followers of Jesus and thus, at least in theory, know the value of the kingdom of heaven, what hinders many from living as if it truly is of the greatest value? (See Jesus' first parable in this chapter.)

Both the treasure finder and the pearl merchant were determined to possess what they had discovered. What might this kind of determination look like in terms of your pursuit to live in light of the value of the kingdom of heaven?