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Date: Sunday 28 May 2017

Title: Focus (4)...THE KINGDOM

Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

1. Who or what is in charge, who sets the rules, in your life - your priorities, your decisions, how you use your time, money etc.? What do you understand by the phrase – Kingdom of God? Is there a ‘battle to be King’ in your life? In our world?
2. **WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS ALREADY THERE:** Is it true that ‘we are all looking for something’? What do you think people are looking for? Why do you think some people want to impose their idea of ‘kingdom’ by force or violence? Jesus says that the treasure is already in the field, the pearl is already on the table. What is the noise that is drowning out what God is saying about how we can live our lives?
3. **YOU’VE GOT TO KEEP LOOKING TO FIND IT:** Did you stumble upon the treasure whilst looking for something or were you someone who made a deliberate search for the pearl? In your experience, what are the people you know filling their ‘God-shaped hole’ with? Have they stopped looking for the treasure/pearl?
4. **WHEN YOU FIND IT, IT’S WORTH GIVING UP EVERYTHING FOR IT:** What does it mean for us to ‘sell everything’ in order to buy the pearl? What do we need to give up in order to embrace the Kingdom fully? How does the Kingdom impact these areas of your life:
Family. Friends. Fears.
Identity. Interests.
Role. Resources.
Struggles. Successes.
Time. Temptations.

Remember: God held nothing back in order to claim what He considers the most precious treasure – you!

Take some time to pray, ‘Your Kingdom come, your will be done,’ in your life, in your family, the nation, the world.

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