

GRACE NOTES

Message: **Worth Everything**

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015

44 *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

45 *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

“...those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.” (Luke 14:33)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” (Mark 8:36)

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STUDY NOTES

What possession do you value most? How do you protect it?

How do you demonstrate when someone is very important in your life?

Thinking back to Sunday’s message - What challenged you, encouraged you, or caused you to change the way you think or act?

If the people closest to you were asked to name the top priorities in your life, what would they say?

What do the things you value tell about your soul? Do your priorities enhance or detract from your witness?

Read **Luke 14:25-35**.

In verses 25-27, why would Jesus speak like this to the crowds?

Does Jesus mean we are to literally hate our families? If not, what does He mean? Why would He use such extreme wording?

What did it mean in that time when a person was carrying a cross? What is the truth Jesus wants us to understand from this image?

In verses 28-33, why is it important for those wanting to follow Jesus to count the cost?

What does it mean to give up everything to follow Jesus?

Salt never becomes less “salty,” however it can become diluted to the point where it loses its taste. What does this mean for those who want to follow Jesus?

Read **Mark 8:34-38**.

Why is it so hard for people to leave all to follow Jesus?

Americans are far more into self-indulgence than self-denial. How should the church respond to this?

Most people would not literally sell their souls to the devil, but in what ways do people give their souls to things other than Christ?