

# Values

the second sponsor meeting

## *Scripture*

**Read together Matthew 13:44-46**

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

“The Kingdom of heaven is like this; a man happens to find a treasure in a field. He covers it up again, and is so happy that he goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field.”

The Parable of the Pearl

“Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has, and buys that pearl.”

## *Commentary*

These two short parables illustrate that values we have need to be cherished, sacrificed for, protected, and put in a place of priority above everything else. Values are one’s beliefs and behaviors chosen freely after serious thought. We cherish them, are willing to publicly affirm them, and act on them. For Christians, hopefully their values reflect those of the Gospel.

## *Discussion*

Candidate for Confirmation and Sponsor:

- Each of you writes a list of values in your life. This is easier if you list where you spend your time (friends, family, school, sports, etc.). Rank them from the top priority to the lowest.
- Share your lists with one another.
- Discuss your true priorities compared with Jesus’ priorities. What single thing could you change to line up better with Jesus?

