

## **BREAKING THE ICE**

What was your favorite summer activity as a kid?
What was a defining moment in your life when you felt treasured?

## **MAIN CONTENT**

This week we heard from Dwan Hill, one of the worship pastors at Cross Point. Dwan read Matthew 13:44:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

What do you think the treasure represents in the story?

Dwan said that some people interpret the treasure to be Jesus, and we're the man that bought the field. He said, today we are going to look at the story with us as the treasure, and Jesus the man that paid the great price for the field.

Is it hard to think of yourself as a treasure? If so, what is the reason?

It may be counterintuitive to how we often think about ourselves but Dwan gives us examples of how God thinks of us.

Read Deuteronomy 7:6, Matthew 10:30-3, Romans 5:8

 Which truth from these Scriptures stands out to you the most? How does it impact (or even contradict) the way you view yourself? Dwan talked about how significance and security directly impact our self-worth. He also challenged us to look at the people around us and view them as treasures.

- Have you ever had to help someone struggling with significance and security? What is fundamental if helping people see their self-worth?
- Take a few minutes and ask the Lord who in your sphere of influence might need to be reminded that they are treasured. Share with your group about the person that the Lord brings to mind.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord, thank you for the truth of Scripture. Thank you that you treasure us so much. Please show us how to walk in the freedom of this truth. Highlight the people around us this week that need to know they are treasured. Give us the right words to say to them, and the courage to speak it out loud. We love you Lord. Amen

## **ACTION STEP**

Dwan highlighted the story of Ruth as a beautiful example of how God chooses us and treasures us even when we're experiencing heartache. The story of Ruth can be found in the book of Ruth in the Old Testament. As you read it, ask the Lord to show you how He treasures you and has chosen you.

- Check out the weekly Storytellers Podcast, the parables of Jesus alongside modern stories from within our church: <u>crosspoint.tv/podcasts</u>
- Watch the 'Peace and Prosperity' series on YouTube that Dwan referenced: <u>crosspoint.tv/youtube</u>
- Share Your Story as you treasure those around you and witness what God does through you: <a href="mailto:crosspoint.tv/share-your-story">crosspoint.tv/share-your-story</a>