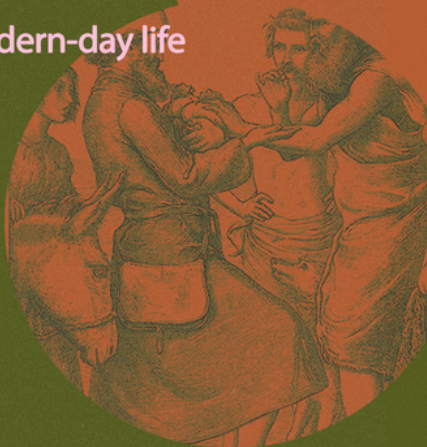


STORY TIME

connecting parables in the bible to modern-day life
week four



Parable of the Hidden Treasure & Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field."

Matthew 13:44 NLT

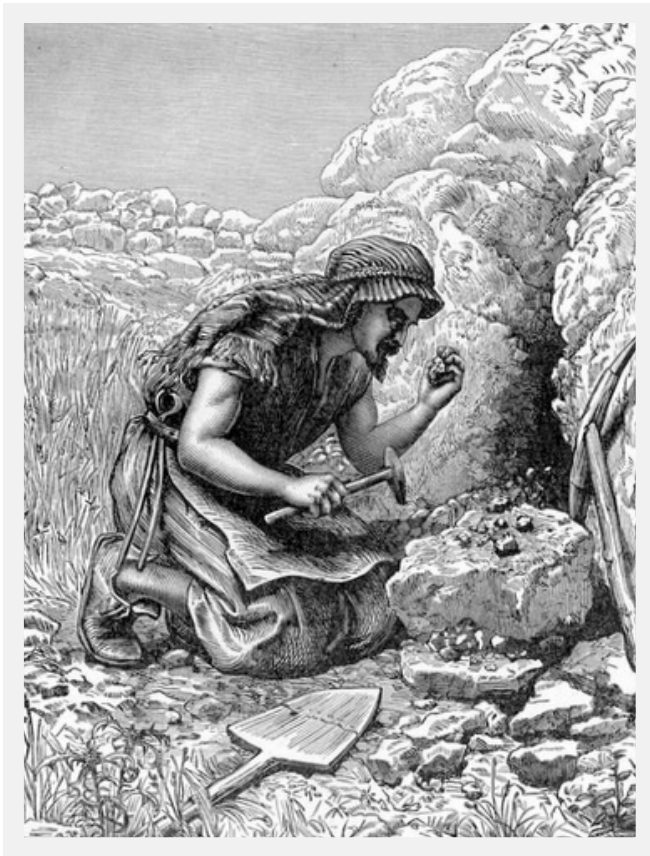
PARABLE OF THE PEARL

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Matthew 13:45-46 NLT

WHAT'S THE APPLICATION?

Your action steps...



GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

MEDITATE

Speak to God about this image above. What do you notice? What is God inviting you into?

STUDY

Read Matthew 6:19-34 three times. Jot down any tensions you felt when you read it. What might Jesus be trying to say to you?

READ

Love Does, by Bob Goff

WATCH

Pick one of the 10-minute episodes of the mini-series, "Made to Count" by John Ortberg



KEY STEPS TO GET ENGAGED

Over the next several weeks, as we prepare for the end of the year, you're invited to be a part of the story of what God is doing through His church. Take a look over the opportunities below to get involved and make a difference this season:

MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY AT ECHO

Be a part of making some Christmas magic this year and awaken the wonder of what Christmas really means. There's many ways for you to serve and make a difference at one of our Christmas services this year. See more details and sign up at echo.church/merry

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Bring a friend with you to one of our many Christmas services at Echo. We have an amazing experience planned for the whole family, fun surprises, gifts, and a whole lot more. See more details at echo.church/christmas

BUY A HAMMOCK, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Artisan Project seeks to equip women in Brazil with creative skills that help them financially support their families. You can purchase hammocks (they make great Christmas gifts!) made by these women to make a difference in their lives and community! More details at echo.church/global

LEAD A SPRING 2024 ECHO GROUP

Be a part of creating life-giving community by leading or hosting an Echo Group in spring of 2024. See more details and information at echo.church/host

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Generosity matters. Your giving helps make a difference not just in our community but with many of our local and global partnerships. Finish your year strong, and make the most of your tax-deductible gift by the end of the year at echo.church/give