Introduction

- 1. Matthew 13:44-46
- 2. There are 7 different parables in this one chapter
- 3. Each parable is describing different points the Lord want to emphasize
- 4. Let us focus on points from these two parables.

II Discussion

- 1. The significance of the kingdom Matthew 16:16-18; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9
 - a. Some place no value on the kingdom.
 - i. Can be seen by their actions
 - ii. Can be seen by what others teach about the church, that the does not save one.
 - b. Some place little value on the kingdom. Can be seen by their actions Hebrews 10:25
 - c. Some place great value on the kingdom
 - i. In both parables a great price is paid for the benefits Matthew 13:44-46
 - ii. The value is seen by the price paid. Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - d. What value do you place upon the kingdom Matthew 6:33
 - e. When will we place value on the kingdom?
 - i. When we are old and broken and walking the mile of the way
 - ii. When death is rattling the door of live and is blowing its cold chilly breath in our face
- 2. The seeking of the kingdom
 - a. A search was in place for the kingdom Matthew 13:45
 - b. A diligent search should be made of the scriptures 2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV
 - i. He spake in parables to hide the truth from some, others who were seeking would come to know Matthew 13:13-15
 - ii. The narrow way must be sought after and watched for Matthew 7:13-14
 - iii. The mysteries of the God's Word was being revealed Ephesians 3:3-4
 - c. A diligent search for souls should be made Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2
 - d. What does your seeking consist of
- 3. The setting aside of the past for the kingdom Acts 8:30-31
 - a. Family may not be a safe guide Matthew 10:37
 - b. Familiar surroundings may not be a safe guide Philippians 3:5-9
 - c. Friends may not be a safe guide Romans 10:1-3; Galatians 1:10
 - d. Faculty may not be a safe guide Matthew 15:9; Acts 5:34; 22:3

III Conclusion

- 1. What value do you place upon the church?
- 2. What does your searching consist of
- 3. What have you set aside for the church
- 4. What if you learn better; will you do better?

Sources: House to house and heart to heart Vol. 12 no. 5; Notes on the parables by Roy; Lectureship on the parables Garfield Heights 1983; Notes on the parables by Trench