

# Living Connections Bible Study

## Outcome of the Kingdom



### Prayer

**Text:** Matthew 13:44-50

**Icebreaker:** Go around your small group and share the most valuable treasure/thing you have ever found/discovered in the physical realm.

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1. Since Jesus does not interpret the three parables in our text for us, how do we discover what they mean? 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; Acts 17:11

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Some claim that the parable of the hidden treasure represents the person who finds the Savior, giving up all that he/she has to gain Christ.

2. Give some scriptural reasons why this cannot be true. Verse 44  
Romans 3:11-12; John 6:44; Isaiah 53:6; Luke 19:10; Luke 15:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-9

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3. How does Jesus' *parable of the tares and wheat* define the *field*? What is the significance of this when applied to *the parable of the hidden treasure*? Verses 38, 44

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4. How do we know that the hidden treasure hidden in the world represents the nation Israel? Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6; Psalm 135:4

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5. What people group was the emphasis of Jesus' ministry during His first Advent?  
John 1:11; Matthew 10:5-6; Matthew 23:37-39

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6. How did Jesus pay the price for the redemption of the world, which would also secure salvation for Israel when they finally recognize the Messiah? Verse 44  
John 11:49-52; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 2:2; Isaiah 53:4-8

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7. What is unbelieving Israel's condition during this Church Age, and what will happen at the end of the Tribulation when they recognize their Messiah at His return?  
Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:25-27

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8. How is the *parable of the Pearl of Great Price* a fitting illustration of Christ' redemption of the Church? Verses 45-46; 1 John 3:1-3; Romans 8:19

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9. How does the *parable of the dragnet* picture the harvest and judgment at the end of this age? Verses 47-48

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10. What will be the final residence of the righteous and for the wicked? Verses 30, 40-43, 49-50; Revelation 20:15

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11. What is the promise to everyone who places their trust in Christ? John 3:16; 18, 36; Romans 8:1

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**Think about it this week:**

If we could visit Hell for a day, for one hour, or even for an instant we would never be the same. The unsaved would get saved. We would have a greater compassion for our neighbors, and a greater love and appreciation for Jesus because He paid the ultimate price to save and redeem us for God.