

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

**SUNDAY 26 August 2018**

**SPEAKER: Angela Oliver**

**For Heaven's Sake.**

**The Parable of the Treasure/Pearl**

**Matt 13:44-46**



**Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.**

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## **GETTING STARTED**

### **Question #1**

Have you ever thought of what you might do if you won 50 million dollars? Discuss with the others what you would do with the money.

### **Question #2**

What is the most valuable item you have ever found? Tell the others what it was like to find it.

## The EXCHANGE

### Question #3

**Read Matt 13:44-46.** If a non-Christian asked you to explain what the Kingdom of heaven was like, how would you describe it?

### Question #4

Consider areas in your life where you might want to exchange the “kingdom of darkness” for the “kingdom of light”. Write it down on a piece of paper and place it in your pocket for later. These will not have to be shared publicly.

### Question #5

Consider our church family (primarily the service you attend). How do you think we can be encouraging each other to be more Kingdom minded?

## Another Angle

### Question #6

Angela shares about how these parables parallel the Gospel story. (The field is the world, the treasure is us, and the man is Jesus who gives all He has for us). Does this change what this parable means to you? If so, in what way?

### Question #7

We are His treasure. What are common lies that the enemy tries to make us believe? Share with the group what scriptural “TRUTHS” we could believe instead.

### Question #8

Angela said: “Treasure not only needs to be found, and valued, but then it’s purpose revealed.” What do you think your purpose is? What are God’s hopes and dreams for you?

### Prayer

*Place the folded papers from your pocket – (with the words you wrote on them) in a pile in the middle of the group – do not read them aloud. Place your hands on them and pray - ask the Lord to help each person have courage to make the exchange that they wrote about. Afterwards be sure to dispose of the papers in an appropriate manner.*