



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13: 44-46 (full reading: Matthew 13:44-52)

"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.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Some things to think about...

- What do you think Jesus means when he says God's Kingdom is like a hidden treasure or a precious pearl?
- What things are truly valuable in life? Are they always things we can buy?
- What do you think Frédéric Ozanam, the Founder of the SVP, gave up or changed to follow God's love and help others?
- How can we show that God's love is a treasure through our actions towards others?

Activities

- Create a "treasure box" by filling it with words or pictures of the things that are most valuable in your life.
- Choose one treasure from your box (for example, kindness, friendship, or love) and think of one way you can share it with someone else this week. Write it in the text box.

Teacher's Notes

Matthew's Gospel invites us to reflect on what is truly precious in our lives. Jesus uses the images of a hidden treasure and a valuable pearl to show us that God's love and the Kingdom of Heaven are the greatest treasures we can discover. When we recognise this treasure, it can change the way we live, helping us to choose kindness, generosity, and love over things that do not last. Like Frédéric Ozanam, we are called to see the value in others and share God's love through the way we care for people in need.

This is at the core of the work of the SVP. The things that matter the most are often not things we can buy, but the gifts of faith, friendship, compassion, and love that we share with others. We are inspired by St Oscar Romero's message: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more".

Notes:

Treasures That Matter



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