

SERMON NOTES

March 19, 2017

HIDE AND SEEK

TREASURE HUNTERS

Good Seed, Mustard Seed, Yeast, Hidden Treasure & Fine Pearl

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THIS TREASURE...

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THE FINE PEARL...

Matthew 13:45-46 *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”*

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WHEN TO STOP SEEKING

* What is worth _____ onto, that will keep you _____ of God’s Kingdom?

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Psalms 112:5 *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.*

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