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Speaker: Rob Davis **Series:** Stand Alone Message

Passage: Matthew 13:44-46

Community Group Questions: "Radical Investments"

1. Share with others about the most radical (riskiest) investment you've made up until this point in your life. Perhaps it's a financial investment, a relational investment, a career or educational investment? What feelings accompanied this decision?
2. In Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus gives us two short parables. Both include an individual who traded in lesser treasures for one of greater value. Both individuals have a radical response to finding the greater treasure, in this case, that of the Gospel. Discuss their responses...what is so striking about them? Have you seen a similar response in someone else (perhaps yourself?) who's discovered the treasure of the Gospel?
3. In the message, the point was made that one radical response to finding the Gospel and the invaluable treasure of salvation, is our willingness to take radical risks. For many of us, this might be in the form of a relational risk, by stepping into someone's life who is completely different than us. As you consider the circles of life you run in, is God bringing someone to mind that might afford you the opportunity to take a radical relational risk? What's the next step for you with this individual?
4. A second radical response to finding the treasure of the Gospel is that we are willing to give radical resources. The two greatest treasures we "own" are those of our time, and our money. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus reminds us that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. If time and money are our two greatest treasures, what do your schedule and bank statement indicate about where your heart is? Where in your daily or weekly activities is there an opportunity for you to make a radical investment of either your time, money, or both?
5. Radical investments of any kind are never easy, especially when they involve things we typically hold on to tightly. Take time to examine your schedule and relationships with the Holy Spirit, asking him to give you discernment about where to invest. What fears do you have when you consider taking a radical risk or giving radical resources?
6. Two books were mentioned in the message. *Radical* by Pastor David Platt, and *The Gospel Comes With A House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield. Have you read either of them? Discuss your takeaways if you have. What challenged you?