



## Part 1: Who's Crazy?

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

### INTRODUCTION

Some people give but they do so grudgingly, maybe because they think they have to. Others give joyfully, even though they're poor. What is the difference? Those who give grudgingly do so thinking it's a loss to give. Those who give joyfully, do so knowing that **they're not losing, but gaining** when they give. This is best illustrated by Jesus when he says in Matthew 13:44 *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the best "bargain" that you have had? How did you get it? How did you feel when you get it?
2. Is giving easy or hard for you? Explain.
3. Re-read Matthew 13:44.
  - What is the relationship between these 3 observations:
    - a. A seemingly reckless man who sold everything he had
    - b. A hidden treasure
    - c. Selling everything he had with joy.
  - Is Jesus teaching that you can "buy" the Kingdom of God? How do you know?
  - What is the hidden treasure we will receive when we invest in His Kingdom financially?
4. Missionary Jim Elliott says "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." What do you think he means? Do you agree?
5. APPLICATION:
  - How valuable is God and His Kingdom to you in relation to everything else that you own?
  - Does the way you manage your finances reflect how you feel about God's kingdom?
  - What is stopping you from being as generous as you can towards God's kingdom?

### MOVING FORWARD

Phil. 3:8 (The Message) Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

I'm not losing but gaining when I give for the Kingdom of God

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the many new people in our church.
- Pray for our Kingdom Builders Program during March
  - That people will develop the heart of generosity and will participate in KB
  - People of THE ROCKS will grow in their faith through this experience.