**KINGDOM BUSINESS**

**Text: Matthew 13:44-46**

* Matthew 13:44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.
* Matthew 13:45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls.
* Matthew 13:46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

**INTRO:**

* Merchant-one whose occupation is the wholesale purchase and retail sale of goods for profit.
* One who runs a retail business
* They are good in valuation
* They cannot hardly be cheated
* They work for profit in business

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO BE BUSINESS MINDED
* FOR US NOT TO MAKE PROFIT IN LIFE
* FOR US TO SACRIFICE SOMETHING FOR SOMETHING BETTER TO HAPPEN

**I. TREASURE HIDDEN**

* The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden
* If you don’t seek it you won’t it
* Jeremiah 29:13 And you will seek Me and find [Me], when you search for Me with all your heart.
* We cannot find a treasure by roaming around
* Treasure hunting involves risk, sacrifice, knowledge, dedication
* The treasure becomes a reality when as we found it
* Hiding it would mean a discretion to keep it yours and not losing it
* When buying it, you buy the field not the treasure
* It will cost you a lot or everything
* Sell what you have and give it to the poor

**II. SEEKING THE KINGDOM**

* Luke 14:15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed [is] he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!
* Luke 14:16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,
* Luke 14:17 "and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'
* Luke 14:18 "But they all with one [accord] began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'
* Luke 14:19 "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them
* I ask you to have me excused.'
* Luke 14:20 "Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'
* Luke 14:21 "So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here [the] poor and [the] maimed and [the] lame and [the] blind.'
* Luke 14:22 "And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'
* Luke 14:23 "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [them] to come in, that my house may be filled.
* Luke 14:24 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "
* All their excuses were not in itself a sin
* But when they become our priority or when we value them more than God’s invitation to His kingdom, they will become abomination to God
* Luke 16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts
* For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
* The invitation was to come to the house of the Master
* The Master became angry when He heard about their excuses-v 21
* All those who were invited were disqualified from the supper-v 24

**III. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS OF GREAT PRICE-V 46**

* It’s worth exceeds all the wealth of this world
* If you really wanted to profit in life, then go for it, pursue it, seek for it
* In the first place, it’s the kingdom that we lost and in the end it will be the kingdom that we are going to receive or inherit
* Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion
* Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

**IV. MAKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD YOUR BUSINESS**

* Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?
* Luke 19:13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.‘
* Busyness-anything that makes us busy
* Pinagkaabalahan mo na ang paghahari ng Dios

**V. IT SHOULD BE OUR PRIORITY**

* When given conflicts or dilemmas, we should the kingdom
* Luk 16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
* You will only be required to sell all you have if your heart is on it
* If we are trustworthy with little, we will be trustworthy with more

**CHALLENGE:**

* What makes you busy most of the time?
* Do you think you lose in life?
* You haven’t pursued the kingdom

**CONCLUSION:**

* Mat 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,
* Mat 13:46 "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.