

# Where to Start: Kingdom of Heaven wk4

sermon notes

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text: Matthew 13:44-46

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**John 10:10-11 NRSV**

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV**

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**Matthew 3:2 NRSV**

Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. **Proverbs 3:9-10 RSV**

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding, for the gain from it is better than gain from silver and its profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

**Proverbs 3:13-16 RSV**

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. **Proverbs 11:4 RSV**

He who trusts in his riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf. **Proverbs 11:28 RSV**

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it. **Proverbs 15:16 RSV**

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it. **Proverbs 15:17 RSV**

There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. **Proverbs 20:15 RSV**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. **Proverbs 22:1 RSV**

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. **Proverbs 25:11 RSV**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Ephesians 4:1-3 NRSV**

<sup>17</sup>Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>That is not the way you learned Christ!  
**Ephesians 4:17-19 NRSV**