



2nd June 2019

### Passionately Pursue the Kingdom

Last Sunday we looked at the short parables of the Hidden treasure and the Precious Pearl and I suggested that the author's point was that *the Kingdom of God is so valuable that it is worth giving up everything in order to have it*. That's a bold statement!

We're familiar with people making incredible sacrifices to gain something they value highly. Athletes, business entrepreneurs, people who want ultimate success in their field, all sacrifice so much in order to gain what they want. They all pursue their desires with great passion. In fact, without that single-minded passion they would never achieve what they hope for. The end goal is all that matters, they cannot afford to be distracted by other things along the way. It all comes down to what they value most.

I asked the question, "What do you value most?"

I wonder if you've had time to reflect this week and do a self-diagnoses about what's most valuable to you? We usually arrange our lives around whatever we value most. For some it's achievements, for others it could be pleasure and still for others it might be what others think of them.

What if we valued God's Kingdom more highly than these things? I wonder how my life would look different if I passionately pursued Jesus and His ways more than I pursued my own comforts, my own success and my own reputation?

We pray in the Lord's prayer, "Your kingdom come". What if **you** were the Lord's answer to that prayer?

What if people were waiting to see His kingdom come in our lives first?

That's a powerful thought!

Blessings,

Henry

### CREATE - After School Activity Club

Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm  
@Playford Uniting Church  
Call Nick : 0402 808 744

### Playford Church Meeting

This Sunday **June 2nd** after the service.

#### TOPICS:

- Vote regarding joining Generate Presbytery
- Appointment of Congregation Chair and Secretary

Please stay and be part of this important time in the life of Playford Uniting Church

### Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Toy Story 4 - Gawler Cinema  
Monday June 24, 7pm for 7.30 start  
Tickets: Adults & Kids \$13  
Available from PUC Office

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 2nd June: Gillian Powis**  
*Passionately Pursue the Kingdom*  
Matthew 13:47-52

**Sunday 9th June: Henry Rouse**  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
*Passionately Pursue the Holy Spirit*

**Sunday June 16th: Pete Riggs**  
*A Story of Passionate Pursuit*  
Jonah 1:1-3


**Sermon - By Henry Rouse**  
**Passionately Pursue the Kingdom**  
***"The Treasure and Pearl"***

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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