



1. What is the context of this verse? What comes before and after it in the Bible and what do we know about the setting? Who is the audience?
2. There are 7 parables. Some say this specific parable is a story of Israel. Discuss how it might resemble Israel, but also why this may not be the best interpretation.
3. Some see the 7 parables in line with John's 7 churches in revelation. Which parable would this best align with?
4. Parables are metaphorical. What do you think the man, the treasure, and the field represent?
5. Does this seem like stealing to you? One of the basic rules of interpretation is that we first have to understand how the intended audience would have received something according to their culture before we apply it to ours. Do you know why he would have likely been in a field? Consider the story of Ruth.
6. Joy is an important term in this story. What does the Biblical theme of Joy mean? What do we know about Joy in the Bible?



7. What is the context of this verse? What comes before and after it in the Bible and what do we know about the setting? Who is the audience?
8. There are 7 parables. Some say this specific parable is a story of Israel. Discuss how it might resemble Israel, but also why this may not be the best interpretation.
9. Some see the 7 parables in line with John's 7 churches in revelation. Which parable would this best align with?
10. Parables are metaphorical. What do you think the man, the treasure, and the field represent?
11. Does this seem like stealing to you? One of the basic rules of interpretation is that we first have to understand how the intended audience would have received something according to their culture before we apply it to ours. Do you know why he would have likely been in a field? Consider the story of Ruth.
12. Joy is an important term in this story. What does the Biblical theme of Joy mean? What do we know about Joy in the Bible?

