

CREATING SPACE FOR GOD

Kingdom of God (Matthew 13:44-46)

SETTLE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Close your eyes, breathe deeply, and slowly quiet your body, mind, and soul. Adjust to the silent stillness. Reflect on where you have been, what you have been doing, and what you have felt and experienced in the last several weeks. How has God been present to you? What are the things occupying your mind and heart? What hopes and fears do you have as you prepare to meet with God? Share these thoughts and feelings with God. Listen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 13:44-46

Take a few moments to sit with this passage. Read through it, allowing it to wash over you, and speak to you. What words or verses caught your attention? Hold these words in your mind, paying attention to what is going through your mind and heart.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Consider the two parables - both are about someone discovering treasure so valuable and priceless, the person is willing to sell everything to obtain the treasure. How much is the Kingdom of God worth to you? Have you experienced the Kingdom of God being worth more than anything else?
- As you reflection on the passage, what invitation is God giving to you? What next steps can you take to live that out?

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with him attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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