The Kingdom of Great Value

Introduction: A. There are two kinds of people who enter into the kingdom of God: 1. Those who "_____" the kingdom (Matt 13:44; Rom 10:20; 2 Cor 4:7; Col 2:1-3). 2. Those who are "______" for the kingdom (*Matt 13:45-46*). B. Are we looking for them? I. What is the "kingdom of heaven"? A. A kingdom implies kingship and _____. B. At this point in history, this rule is very _____ in its nature (John 18:36; Rom 14:17). C. Why is a place in this kingdom so valuable? 1. It is a refuge from the powers of _______(Col 1:13; Rom 6:17-18). 2. It is a domain of righteousness, peace, and _____ (*Phil 3:8-9; 4:6-7; 2:17-19;* 4:4). 3. It is an _____ kingdom (Heb 12:25-29; Dan 2:44; Luke 1:33; 2 Pet 1:10-11). D. Is it really worth it? What would the Biblical witnesses say? How would they answer? II. What will the "kingdom of heaven" cost us?

C. Putting the kingdom _____ (*Matt 6:33; Mark 10:23-25; 10:28-31; Luke 9:23-26*).

A. _____ (Mark 1:14-15)

B. The new _____ (*John 3:3-5*).