

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

The

Kingdom Catch **Matthew 13:47-52**

Kingdom Investors

Investing Love in others

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And... "the **Kingdom of Heaven is like** a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind." (Vs. 47)

Jesus not only wants us to know **the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand...**

He wants us to know **how it works.**

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"Like a fishing net that was **thrown**"

Not bait, line & hook – after only **one type of fish**

But open to **any and every type** of fish out there

Not **held, displayed** or **carried** in our boat

That would be like a Roadside Assistance truck that:

- A) Never left the garage**
- B) Didn't pull over to help people in need**

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"Thrown **INTO the water**"

Made available **where the fish ARE**

Not a sign in the boat, "All fish welcome. Jump in."

With no foreknowledge of which fish will get in the net

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Vs. 48 – "When the net was full"

When **HIS net** is full, He will return

We remain on the field, doing our best **until the game clock runs out.**

John Madden theology!

Matthew 16:18 & Ephesians 6:11-18

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"they dragged it up onto the shore"

It takes **Effort**

Remember – the coin of the realm is love; **FOR** God & **TO** others

With **ALL** of our heart, soul, mind and **STRENGTH.**

Fishing in God's Kingdom is **not a spectator activity**

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"and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away."

AFTER Jesus returns to supervise the sorting

Remember **ALL** of His kingdom teaching

People are identified **By Him** according to how they responded **To HIM.**

We catch them. He sorts them

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Vs. 49 – “That is the way it will be at the end of the world.”

I Thessalonians 4:15-18

“The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous”

NOT the righteous from the wicked... The wicked **from** the righteous.

The righteous are established and rightfully occupy **life With Him.**

Those not **IN Christ** are a corruption and **CANNOT** occupy His Life.

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Vs. 50 – “throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace”

I Corinthians 3:11-15

The substance of our lives will be **revealed by fire**

Everything **worthless** and **without God** will suffer destruction

For those **left with nothing**, it will be **endless loss and suffering**

Those **with The Son of God** will come through it in glory **WITH Him!**

Daniel 3:19-25

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*“where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**”*

Over the never-ending knowledge of what was **Provided, Offered and rejected** by them.

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Vs. 51 – “Do you understand all these things?”

He opens understanding to **those eager to receive it from Him.**

Matthew 7:7-11 – Ask, knock, seek

“Yes,” they said, “we do.”

Knowledge = Responsibility

Willful ignorance is **no excuse**

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Vs. 52 – Then he added, “Every teacher of religious law”

Hebrews 5:11-12 – Stuck on the milk bottle

“teacher of religious law” - God’s Law, Psalm 119

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“who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven”

To eagerly **pursue, learn and apply** His ways in His Kingdom

He is going to great lengths to **teach and demonstrate** what we need to learn...

With the intention of **making it available to others.**

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“is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom”

The place he keeps safe **what he values**

We are not beggars picking up scraps from the side of the road!

We’ve been invited to **The King’s own banquet table**

Fully stocked for feeding on **the Bread of Life.**

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“new gems of truth as well as old.”

Truth we're **continuing to learn** from God's infinite resource...

Fresh revelations and understanding

AND – Truth we have **long known and guarded...**

God gifts of **timeless worth** and **continually increasing value!**
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How then, shall **WE** fish?

- 1 – With effort & on purpose
- 2 – Where the fish are
- 3 – For every type of fish available
- 4 – Trusting God to do the sorting
- 5 – In fear for those who don't know Him
- 6 – In faith as those who do
- 7 – Always learning and never shrinking