It is worth is all...

1) Even though it starts small. (31-32)

Does is seem like God's presence and power is having an influence on the world? Do you ever feel like God is losing? What do you see causes you to think this? Does this thinking cause you to wonder if it is worth it to pursue the kingdom of Heaven?

Read Daniel 7:14,18. Where do you see the influence of God's kingdom making a difference in the world? What would the world be like without this influence?

2) Even though I have to wait for it. (33)

Do you ever get tired of waiting for the kingdom of Heaven to make a bigger impact on your thinking and behavior? Do you wonder if you will ever change?

Read Revelation 11:15-19. What will it be like when God's kingdom is fully realized in heaven? Is it worth the wait?

3) Because of the all the joy it brings. (44)

Do you serve God out of duty or delight? What will happen to you if you serve God only out of a sense of duty?

Read Deut. 28:47-48. Discuss this quote by John Piper, "The Lord threatens terrible things if we will not be happy."

4) No matter what it costs. (45-46)

What must you give up to receive the kingdom of Heaven? What do you still struggled to let go of?

5) But all are not convinced. (47-48)

How do phony Christians get caught up in the net of religion, church, attendance, never make it into the kingdom of heaven? Are you sure you are going to make it in?

Only when I understand all God uses to train me to treasure Him. (51-52)

What are some "old things" that God has used to train you for the kingdom? What are some old things? How does it change your perspective on the most difficult seasons of your life to believe that even in those times God was training you to treasure Him?

Is the kingdom of Heaven worth all that you have?

Additional Scripture

- Daniel 7:14, 18
- Psalm 145
- Revelation 11:15-19
- Psalm 34:7
- Psalm 32:11
- Philippians 4:4
- Deuteronomy 28:47-48

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