

## "Treasures Old and New" *by* Rev. John C. Tittle

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 51-52 NRSV**

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What jumps out at you about this fascinating and rather cryptic parable/riddle?
2. What do you think it means to be a scribe trained for the kingdom of heaven?
3. What are the treasures of the new?
4. What are the treasures of the old?
5. What happens if we neglect the new, in favor of only the old in our lives?
6. What happens if we neglect the old, in favor of only the new in our lives?
7. Why is Jesus saying that utilizing both the old and the new are important for greater understanding and wisdom in our lives?
8. What is the purpose of the master of the household bringing out the new and the old treasures?  
What will he do with them? What will others do with them?