Questions for Gospel Harmony #54

Matthew 13.44-53

1. What are the differences between the parables of the treasure and the pearl? What do the treasure and the pearl represent, or what do these parables illustrate? (verses 44-46)

2. What is a dragnet and what is unique about this form of fishing? How does this parable differ from the parable of the wheat and tares? (verses 47-50)

3. Why did Jesus ask if his disciples understood the thing He had said to them? To what does Jesus refer by the expression "every scribe instructed in the kingdom of God"? What is "a householder"? Explain the phrase: "who brings out of his treasure things new and old…" What did Jesus do after completing this series of parables? (verses 51-53)