

### News Story Summary

Ten years ago, millionaire art dealer Forrest Fenn buried a treasure chest containing gold nuggets and other valuables worth more than one million dollars, leaving clues to the location on his website and in a poem contained in his autobiography, “The Thrill of the Chase.” In early June of this year, the treasure chest was reported as being found. The man who discovered it asked to remain anonymous but offered a photo of the chest as proof of finding it.

Fenn estimated that as many as 350,000 people from around the world have hunted for the treasure. Some even quit their full-time jobs and relocated to the area to find it. Several died in the pursuit of the buried loot. Fenn deigned the treasure hunt to tempt people to venture out into the wilderness and to give them an old-fashioned adventure.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “hidden treasure chest found in Colorado”.)

### Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, begin by directing the group to share about a time when they searched for something important (lost child, wedding dress, driver’s license, a collectible coin, lost animal, etc.). After most have arrived, summarize the story of the buried treasure that was found in Colorado after ten years of searching. Ask if any of the group knew about the treasure or had actually gone in search of it. Then say: *today’s passage examines a search of a different kind, only the treasure is even more valuable than a chest of gold coins.* Complete the step as written using the Transition idea.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Reflect idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of the treasure chest. Point out that the man had left clues in a book and on his website, but people had to go to great lengths to find the treasure. Ask: *How is finding God’s wisdom different than finding buried treasure?* Emphasize that many people don’t find or follow God’s wisdom because they fail to look for it. Ask: *In what areas of your life do you need God’s wisdom? How are you going about finding the answers you seek?* Complete the step as written.