

THE KINGS ROYAL SUBJECTS

"What's Missing"

Matthew 28:16-20

INTRODUCTION:

1. We know that Jesus is King!!!
 - a) And because Jesus is King, there must be "*Royal Subjects*" of the King.
2. "*A Royal subject is someone who owes loyalty and obedience, to the Crown*".
3. Our Church has **THREE CROSSROADS STATEMENTS**:
 - a) Our **MISSION STATEMENT** - "*Is to Reach Bedford County with the Gospel of Jesus Christ using Every Means Possible.*"
 - 1) That means whatever it takes.
 - b) Our **VISION STATEMENT** - "*We must be a church that produces Faithful Followers of Christ*"
 - 1) Our Vision Statement answers how we are to fulfill our Mission.
 - c) Our **PURPOSE STATEMENT** - Three Parts
 - 1) **LOVING GOD**
 - 2) **LOVING EACH OTHER**
 - 3) **LOVING THE WORLD TO CHRIST**

THERE ARE REASONS ROYAL SUBJECTS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY

I. A NEED FOR LOYALTY

1. Matthew 28:16-20

- a) Jesus called a **MEETING!!!**

A. QUESTION: Who was called to the meeting?

1. Vs 16

2. *1 Corinthians 15:6*

3. Vs 20

- 1) "*I am with you always, to the end of the age*"

- 1) The end of the age is when *Christ returns* so he had to be talking to more than the 11.

B. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Vs 20

a) *"to the end of the age"*

- 1) And since we are living in that "Age" we are also part of the meeting.

2. Remember our **Crossroads Statements**:

a) **Our Mission Statement**

- 1) Reach Bedford County with the Gospel of Jesus Christ using all means possible.

b) **Our Vision Statement**

- 1) To be a Church that Produces Faithful Followers of Christ.

c) **Our Purpose Statement**

- 1) Loving God
- 2) Loving Each Other
- 3) Loving the World to Christ

3. **VERY IMPORTANT**: One of the problems preventing today's Church from impacting the culture is:

a) *We don't have enough committed, faithful, followers of the King.*

- b) We don't have enough Royal Subjects who are loyal and obedient to the crown.

4. FAITHFUL ROYAL SUBJECTS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY

II. A CHOICE TO MAKE

1. Satan has continually resisted the authority of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

a) He even tried to make Jesus worship him.

1) **Matthew 4:8-10**

- b) When that failed, he tried to kill Jesus.

2. **Matthew 28:18**

a) *"all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

1) *"authority" actually means "to be in charge"*

- b) Authority is power resting in the right hands.

1) **Which means that Jesus has the legal right to exercise power.**

a. *"all authority in heaven and on earth"*

c) **Matthew 6:9-10**

1) *"Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

3. So according to Jesus, a disciples first concern should be that God's will is done on earth just like it is done in heaven.

4. NOW WATCH THIS: QUESTION: How's God's will done in heaven?

a) ANSWER: *Completely and perfectly!!!* No debate, no arguments, and no objections!!

5. VERY, VERY, IMPORTANT: Jesus' plan is that His **Royal Subjects** would be His legal representatives to implement God's will on earth.

a) That's the role of the King's Royal Subjects.

1) This is huge!!! Through discipleship, Jesus' authority is designed to transfer Jesus' authority to - and through - His followers.

III. THE ROLE OF ROYAL SUBJECTS

1. *Luke 19:11-13*

2. The disciples thought that Jesus was going to Jerusalem to set up His Kingdom right then and there!!

a) Because Jesus knew what they were thinking, *He told them a parable of the nobleman who went on a long journey and left certain sums of money with His servants.*

b) Then the nobleman said something very interesting, *Vs 13 KJV*

1) *"Occupy till I come"*

c) In other words ESV *"Engage in business till I come"*

1) NLT - *"Invest this for me while I am gone"*

3. The word **"OCCUPY"** in the KJV referring to His disciples, were to be like an occupying army that a conquering general leaves behind in a conquered country to maintain stability.

4. Even though Satan is a defeated foe, he still has a lot of fight left in him!!!

a) *Satan's goal is to take as many people with him as he can.*

5. LET'S READ THE MINUTES AGAIN.

a) *Matthew 28:19-20*

1) Jesus gives us one command - *"make disciples"*.

IV. WE ARE DISCIPLES

1. **THIS IS BIG!!!** A disciple is a person who has decided that following Jesus takes **PRECEDENCE OVER EVERYTHING ELSE.**

2. Here are some things to think about:

a) Our Salvation is FREE

b) Because we are saved, we have an eternal home in Heaven.

c) But becoming a Disciple (Royal Subject) of the King will cost us something.

1) It will cost in the way we choose to spend our time, treasures, and talents for God and His Glory rather than our own.

3. **Mark 8:34-36**

a) Disciples must take up their crosses and follow Jesus.

b) Discipleship is a matter of profit and loss.

1) It's a question of whether we will waste our lives or invest our lives.

4. **THE CROSS SYMBOLIZES AN INSTRUMENT OF DEATH.**

a) In order for someone's soul to become fully alive, it must first die to self.

1) And it will need to die daily.

5. ***The principle of saving and losing your life is fixed.***

a) That means you can't find God's purpose for your life when you're busy trying to find your own.

CONCLUSION:

1. Whenever Jesus drew a large crowd, He eliminated most of them by talking about the requirements of following Him.

2. Too many of us serve Christ as long as He doesn't start messing with our comfort.