

## Kingdom Preppers Week 1

### Big Idea

**Performance does not prepare us for God's Kingdom — preparation does.**

Kingdom preparation is not about predicting the end times. It is about faithfully living out God's purpose in the present. The best way to prepare for the future is to be obedient and faithful today.

### Financial Preppers

People often spend decades preparing financially:

- Retirement plans, insurance policies, emergency savings, estate planning

These are not wrong, but they become dangerous when spiritual preparation is neglected.

**Key Truth:** We often prepare for a retirement that may never come, while neglecting a Kingdom that has already come and will never end.

**Scripture: Luke 12:15–21**

- Life is more than possessions, God calls us to be rich toward Him, not just rich on earth, preparation without eternal perspective leads to misplaced priorities.

### Career Preppers

Career preparation is often intense and intentional: Years of education

- Certifications and training, networking and advancement

But Kingdom questions are often ignored:

- How does my work advance God's Kingdom? Is my calling bigger than my career?

Our job may be what we do, but our calling is who we are in Christ.

### Health Preppers

Caring for our bodies matters. They are a gift from God.

Many show discipline through: Diet and exercise, fitness goals, appearance and self-care

Yet spiritual health is often neglected:

- Repentance, forgiveness, soul care

**Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:8**

Physical training has value, but godliness has value for this life and the life to come. We can train our bodies to look good while neglecting the soul that will stand before God.

### Children's Future Preppers

Parents work tirelessly to prepare their children for success:

- Sports and activities; academic achievement, financial stability

Kingdom preparation requires more:

- Teaching children how to pray, modeling authentic faith, helping them learn to hear and follow God

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6–7**

Faith is formed through everyday life and intentional conversations. We prepare for God's Kingdom by preparing the next generation.

### Tech & Security Preppers

In a digital world, people protect:

- Passwords and data, homes and property, online identities

Yet many fail to protect:

- Their hearts, their minds

**Scripture: Proverbs 4:23**

Guard your heart above all else, because everything flows from it. We often protect our data better than we protect our souls.

### Travel Preppers

Travel requires preparation:

- Passports, packing lists, plans and itineraries, yet many live unprepared for their spiritual journey.

**Key Truth:** Preparation reveals priority. What we prepare for most is what we value most.

### Seeking the Kingdom First

**Scripture: Matthew 6:30–34**

- God knows our needs, worry reflects misplaced trust, Jesus calls us to seek the Kingdom first.

Instead of chasing needs, we are called to pursue the Source.

When the Kingdom is first, everything else finds its proper place.

### What Is the Kingdom of God?

A Kingdom requires a King.

- Jesus is the King of God's Kingdom, His Kingdom reigns in lives surrendered to Him.

Jesus will one day reign physically on earth, but today He reigns in the hearts of those who submit to His lordship.

### Final Challenge

Kingdom preparation begins with surrender.

- Surrender in our personal lives, surrender in our families and marriages, surrender in how we work, spend, and plan

Living Kingdom-prepared means aligning every area of life under the reign of King Jesus.

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# CUMBERLAND FELLOWSHIP

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## CF Mission Trip Calendar

2026

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TRIP	DENTAL	ALASKA - BUILD			DATE-TBD	

Spring March 18-25

Fall November 3-10

## RECOVERING CROSSVILLE

Stop by the Cafe- grab a drink/biscuit and support recovery!

LOVE GROW GO

## Coming up:

Baptism Sunday 1/25

Prayer & Praise  
Monday Night Service

2/16 @ 6pm

Say Yes to the  
Prom Dress

2/28

## Sign up on the CFLife App

- To Serve
- Submit prayer request
- Join a small group

## TAKE A CLASS

- New Believer's Class
- Next Steps Class
- My Story Training

