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# Series: The Kingdom Way

**Message Title:** The Kingdom Way (part 2)

**Message & Scripture Highlights:**

Have a few people read the following scriptures:

**Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Revelation 4:11**

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created.”

**John 3:3-5**

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Discussion Part 1:

As we learn the Kingdom of God is His Way of doing things and being right, discuss the error of believing for God’s Will, independent of His Way. John 3 makes it clear that being born again is not just having a revelation of the King, but of the Kingdom of God.

S.Marshall thoughts:

It is so interesting that Nicodemus, being a religious man, struggled desperately in the presence of Jesus to figure out access into the Kingdom of God. Throughout history mankind has tried to pursue God with religion, but God sent His Son to get His family back, and He sent His King to get us the Kingdom back. Yes, One Son - One King!

Have someone read:

**John 1:12**

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

**Isaiah 43:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> “Do not remember the former things, Or ponder the things of the past.

<sup>19</sup> “Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even put a way in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> “The beasts of the field will honor Me ... Because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen.

Discussion Part 2:

There is no higher calling or position for us, than to be a child of God. Discuss the how and what faith in the Name of Jesus gives us according to John 1:12. Now, discuss what kind of ruler has the power to grant such authority and privilege.

Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

We have not even begun to experience the benefits of walking fully in the Kingdom Way. Isaiah 43 makes it clear that God wants us to let go of old, broken down ways of thinking. That is called repenting. Then notice the next step, listen. God makes a way where there seems to be no way, and that my friend, is called the Kingdom Way.

**Life Application:**

Let's put into practice the instructions of God's Word. What are the “*former things*” that steer your life? Traditions? Opinions? Mental construct that has been shaped by good and bad experiences, but amount to a counterfeit of God's Way? Write down your “*former things*”, and then with prayer, lay them down at the feet of Jesus ... surrender them all to the King. Then ask Him what He's saying about His Way for you. This week practice listening because Isaiah says, “Listen carefully”. Quietly listen with God's help.

**Now Pray The Word:**

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

*“Father God it's a new day because Your Word is instructing us to seek first Your Kingdom and we're not used to that kind of talk. We are probably more accustomed to religious talk, than Kingdom talk, or governance within the realm of Your domain. We tend to quickly realize human failure in the political arena, still we pursue that broken help over Yours. In the context of this moment, the light has come on, and we shift our trust from mankind to You. Our faith and trust is now in YOU! ...” (Continue to pray specifically for one another's needs ...)*