



Bible study for the week starting October 3, 2021
Thy Kingdom Come: Are You Involved?

SHARE

1. If St. John's Lutheran ceased to exist tomorrow, what would you miss the most? What would the community around us miss the most?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Isaiah 55:1-5 (but the whole chapter is good). God makes us a "witness to the peoples," sent not to one nation (Israel), but to the *nations*. This is the nature of the Kingdom of God; what does it mean to you to be a part of that work? That when you pray "thy kingdom come," you also mean in and through you?
3. Read Philippians 1:12-21. Paul's motivations were to advance the Gospel, and to boldly speak the word without fear. If this is your "big picture," what else does that put into perspective?
4. Read Luke 17:1-10. Luke's account goes between calling them "disciples" and "apostles." Assuming this isn't accidental, what do you see going on here? What lessons in responsibility, forgiveness, faith and service do you hear in these verses?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Eric spoke about being involved in Kingdom work. Spend a little time working through the 4 questions in the message notes, especially connecting the Gospel story with your personal story. Practice sharing your stories with one another. This is amazing preparation!

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and practice praying not just *for* but also *with* one another.



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Luke 17:1-10

October 3, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

God doesn't need our PERMISSION to rule, but we want to be INVOLVED, too.

If this church ceased to exist tomorrow, what would this community miss?

"Be IMITATORS of me, as I am of Christ." -Paul

Two important responsibilities: teaching TRUTH and proclaiming GOSPEL.

We want to measure faith by QUANTITY, but God measures it by QUALITY.

It's not FLASHY; it's FAITHFUL.

Excel in SERVICE.

A few questions:

1. Are you WILLING to be used by God?
2. Do you know the GOSPEL well?
3. Do you know YOUR Gospel story well?
4. Do you know how to PRAY for and WITH someone?