

Hungering for the Kingdom

Sermon Notes

1. Posture Before Teaching

God is present before anything begins. Encounters do not wait for structure. Our attention must be on Jesus first.

Hebrews 4:16 — Drawing near with confidence.

2. Hunger Determines Reception

What God offers cannot be forced. Hunger determines response and pursuit.

Jeremiah 29:13 — Seeking God with the whole heart.

Matthew 6:33 — Seeking first the Kingdom of God.

3. Desperation That Presses In

Faith presses through resistance, disorder, and opposition. Jesus responds to visible hunger.

Mark 5:25–34 — Woman with the issue of blood.

Mark 2:1–12 — Paralytic lowered through the roof.

Luke 18:1–8 — Persistent widow.

Luke 18:35–43 — Blind Bartimaeus.

4. The Kingdom as Treasure

Sacrifice is voluntary and joyful once the value of the Kingdom is seen.

Matthew 13:44 — Treasure hidden in a field.

Matthew 13:45–46 — Pearl of great price.

5. Costly Surrender & Lordship

The call is not forced poverty but renounced ownership. Everything submitted to Jesus.

Luke 14:33 — Renouncing ownership.

Mark 10:21–22 — Rich young ruler.

Philippians 3:7–8 — Surpassing value of knowing Christ.

6. First Love & Worthy Lamb

Jesus does not reduce the cost. He is worthy. Repentance keeps the heart soft.

Revelation 2:4–5 — Returning to first love (thematic).

Revelation 5 — The Lamb who is worthy.

7. Hunger Reveals the Heart

The proud observe. The comfortable critique. The religious analyze. The hungry move.

Matthew 6:21 — Where your treasure is, your heart will be also.

8. Reordered Lives

Life continues, but priorities change. Freedom comes when Jesus is central.

Matthew 6:33

Philippians 3:7–8

9. Invitation to Respond

The Kingdom is free but exclusive. Response flows from revelation, not pressure.

Hebrews 4:16

Jeremiah 29:13