



## Kingdom Purpose

**God So Loved**

Bergthold/Cash

**Always On Time**

Smith/Mooring/Barrett/Furtick

**Welcome**

Tim Jackson

**Prayer for the Offering**

Jeremy Martin

**Song for the Offering**

*Good Plans*

Espy/Miller

**Sermon & Invitation**

Blake Bengé

***Stories of the Kingdom:  
Kingdom Purpose***

**Song of Response**

*Gratitude*

Hastings/Lake/Bowe

**Recognition of Decisions**

Blake Bengé

**Next Steps & Introduction of Pastor Leon**

Susie Reeder

**Operation Inasmuch Commissioning & Benediction**

Susie Reeder  
& Mallory Collier

**Postlude**

## NEXT STEPS

### COMMUNITY

**Sundays, 9:45am:** Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to [snydermbc.com/sundayschool](http://snydermbc.com/sundayschool).

### DISCOVERY CLASS

**March 15, 10am, Small Dining Room:** Whether this is your first time or you've been coming for a while, we'd love to tell you more about Snyder and how you can get involved! Discovery class is an opportunity to hear about Snyder's mission, history, and values in an informational and interactive setting.

### EVENTS

#### **Easter Week at Snyder:**

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm

*Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary*

Friday, April 3, 6-8pm:

*The Great Easter Mission (Grades 1-5)*

Saturday, April 4, 10am-12pm:

*"Alive" Resurrection Celebration*

*(This event is designed for preschoolers & their families.)*

Sunday, April 5, 8:40am and 11am:

*Resurrection Services*

# Stories of the Kingdom: Kingdom Purpose

Matthew 25:13-30

As followers of Jesus, we are keenly interested in what Jesus said and did. And when Jesus taught, there was one subject that dominated his teaching more than any other. The Kingdom. To illustrate what the Kingdom was and how to engage in it, Jesus created stories. In this message, we focus on the Kingdom values of purpose and productivity.

**Citizens of the Kingdom of God have \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 24 & 25

The purpose of the Kingdom calls its citizens to:  
Be prepared at Anytime and for the Long Time.  
Be productive in the \_\_\_\_\_.

No ordinary man, no ordinary commission (Matthew 25:14-15)

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All servants are not created equal. (Matthew 25:16-18)

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An accounting after a long time. (Matthew 25:19)

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Responsibility increasing and relationship deepening. (Matthew 25:20-23)

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"Here is what I know **about** you, so this is what I did." (Matthew 25:24-25)

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"You know about me; you do not know me." (Matthew 25:26-28)

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Responsibility and joy loss. (Matthew 25:29-30)

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## Takeaways from Jesus' teaching recorded in Matthew 24 & 25

Be \_\_\_\_\_ at Anytime and be prepared for a Long Time.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the meantime.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ that there will be an accounting. (I Corinthians 3:11-15)

Be \_\_\_\_\_. (II Timothy 1:6-7)

## Be Aware of Choosing Fear instead of Faith

\_\_\_\_\_ people leverage their God-given "talents" to grow God's Kingdom and enjoy God.

\_\_\_\_\_ people bury their God-given "talents" and miss God's Kingdom and joy.

Why would we fearfully bury our "talents"?

- We are \_\_\_\_\_.
- We think knowing \_\_\_\_\_ God is the same as believing in God.
- We are more confident in our \_\_\_\_\_ than in God's ability.
- We desire \_\_\_\_\_ over faithfulness.
- We prefer a rut to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- We become more committed to how things are rather than what they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be.

### Being productive in the Meantime

1. Seek to know God by applying his word, not just knowing about Him or His word.
2. Do the difficult thing.

### Questions for Exploration on your own, or for discussion with your small group:

1. When have you been faithful even when it has been difficult? *Do not be shy, your story is a part of God's story and should be shared. It may inspire others.*
2. What is your spiritual gifting? [whataremyspiritualgifts.org](http://whataremyspiritualgifts.org)
3. What are your passions?
4. Where are the opportunities around you right now?  
Sunday: [snydermbc.com/snyderserve](http://snydermbc.com/snyderserve)
5. What is your next step towards your Kingdom purpose?

### Conclusion

You have a Kingdom Purpose. Fulfilling this purpose will have three results: First, the Kingdom of God will come through you to those around you. Secondly, you will be given greater responsibility as you fulfill His Kingdom Purposes for you. And thirdly, you will experience more and more true Joy in your life.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Online

Visit [snydermbc.com/giving](http://snydermbc.com/giving) or scan the QR Code.



### Cash or Check

1. Place cash or check in the offering plate as it passes.
2. Mail a check or drop it off at the Church Office.
3. Set up an automated Bank Draft.  
Visit [snydermbc.com/give](http://snydermbc.com/give) to learn more.

8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall

9:45am, Sunday School for all ages

11am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

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