



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

4/7/2024

MESSAGE: Hijacked by the Wrong Mindset

WEEK#1

SERIES: Mindsets

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. If you could speak another language, which one would you choose and why? If English only, why would that be your choice?
2. Why do you think it is so difficult, even socially unacceptable, to talk about politics?
3. Having a particular mindset, a life filter or lens can determine how a person sees all aspects of life. A person might come from a different country or state, a big city or rural area, and or a different socio-economic background etc. What are some specific examples of how these various mindsets can bring diversity, creativity and particular life perspectives?
4. Matthew 6:33 tells us to seek first God's kingdom. What does this look like to you? How would you describe having a "kingdom first mindset"? Are there any kingdom characteristics that you would like to improve upon in your life?
5. What is the best part of living in America? What is the best part of living for Jesus? What does this phrase mean to you: "I am a Jesus follower before I am an American." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
6. What is Jesus saying in Mark 12:29-31? What does this look like in real time to you? How can this kingdom mindset shift how you see life, other people, even politics?
7. Can things we value in life take priority over Jesus? Finish the sentence: "Jesus is bigger than my_____." How does your phrase live out in and through your life? Please give some examples.
8. Read Philippians 3:20-21. How are these verses encouraging for the Christ follower? What specifically is appealing or reassuring to you in these verses?
9. Read John 17:22-26. What does it say about God? What does it say about you? What are your next steps in response to what you read?
10. "Unity in the middle of diversity." How would you describe the importance of unity among God's people? What role does unity play in your home, work, school, family, friendships and even politics? How would you describe diversity in the above areas?
11. Look at John 13:34-35. How do these verses help you to see others through the same lens of how God sees you? How can you love others as God loves you? How can we apply this truth with people who have different opinions than us?



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12. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going. Email me: rickz@canvas.church

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right, it can be out loud or in silence,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church