

## **Experiencing Kingdom Multiplication**

### **John 12:23-28**

***The Principle: In this world, life results in death; In God's Kingdom, death releases life.***

***John 12:15 (ESV) —“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”***

***John 12:23-28 (ESV)***

***And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this***

- ***Anyone can count the number of seeds in an apple, but only God knows the number of apples in a seed!***

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***But... we have a problem blocking the multiplication...***

## **2. The Problem of Kingdom Multiplication**

***John 12:24 (ESV)***

***Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.***

***John 12:25 (ESV)***

***Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.***

- ***Everything reproduces according to its kind!***

***Matthew 7:16 (ESV) — You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?***

***1 Peter 1:18a (NLT) — For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors...***

## **3. The Path of Kingdom Multiplication**

***John 12:26–27a (ESV) — If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’?***

**Luke 9:23–26 (ESV) — And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.**

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**Mark 7:21–23 (ESV) — For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”**

**Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**Galatians 2:20 (ESV) — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**1 Corinthians 15:31 (NIV)  
I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

#### **4. The Purpose of Kingdom Multiplication**

**John 12:27-28a (ESV)**

**“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”**

**→ To bring glory to God!**

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT) — 31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.**

**→ To bring defeat to Satan!**

**John 12:31 (ESV) — Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.**

**→ To live with eternal purpose!**

**John 12:35–36a (ESV) — So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” ...**