

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Why Have a Kingdom Mindset? (John 10:14-18)

Sermon Outline

Introduction - Desmond Doss and Getting One More

1. We should seek a kingdom mindset to honor Christ's sacrifice
2. We should seek a kingdom mindset to gather in Christ's sheep
3. We should seek a kingdom mindset to please our heavenly Father

Scripture References

- *Ephesians 1:4 "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."*
- *Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."*
- *1 Peter 1:18-19 "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."*
- *Matthew 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."*
- *Mark 16:20 "And the disciples went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."*
- *Colossians 1:10 "That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."*
- *Acts 18:10b "For I have many people in this city."*

Reflection Questions

- What is your mind set on these days? How do you need to prayerfully change your mindset to focus on the kingdom calling of Christ?
- Jesus promised that if you seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, God will take care of everything else you need. (Matt 6:33) What sorts of things are you missing out on, or anxious over, that could be helped by a change of mindset?
- How did you come to know Jesus Christ as Lord? What human agents did God use to bring you to that faith?
- Are there people in your life right now whom Christ may want to bring to faith through you?
- Make a list of 3-5 people in your life who know you, but don't yet know Christ. How can you commit to praying for them? What opportunities might God give you to share the good news of Christ with them this year?
- Being honest before God, how do you more often envision the local church (First ARP specifically):
 1. A social club of (generally) respectable people who need "a little Jesus" to center their life on;
 2. A philanthropic effort to serve the needs of our community;
 3. A disciple-making factory whose only goal is to bring sinners to Christ and teach them to obey everything Jesus commands us?