

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

How Do I Have a Kingdom Mindset: Part 1 – Matthew 25:31-46 and Acts 1:8

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of misunderstood writing
2. Understanding Local Ministry
3. Engaging in Local Ministry
4. Conclusion – how is God calling you to be more involved in local ministry by having a kingdom mindset?

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Matthew 24:3 - As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately...
- John 6:29 - This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Matthew 23:8 - But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.
- Matthew 18:6 – “...but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”
- Matthew 10:40-42 – Jesus tells His disciples that whoever receives them receives Him.
- Galatians 6:10 - So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- Matthew 9:37-38 - The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 - The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Discussion Questions

- When you think of having a kingdom mindset locally, what initially comes to mind?
- Why is it important to follow the rule for interpretation: let Scripture interpret Scripture?
- To whom does Jesus reference when he says, “the least of these my brothers”?
- How does our understanding of this impact our view of local kingdom work?
- Why does our understand of “the least of these” **NOT** mean that we are to ignore those in need regardless of whether or not they are Christians?
- How does Acts 1:8 help us better understand what a local kingdom mindset looks like?
- Given that we are called by Jesus to go and make disciples and to be His witnesses, how does this impact our approach to local ministry?
- In what ways does a kingdom mindset transform our approach to benevolent ministry?
- Why is it crucial that we begin engaging in local ministry with prayer?
- What are some practical ways that you can grow in praying for the Kingdom of God to advance in Rock Hill and York County?
- In what ways can you have a kingdom mindset in your spheres of influence (school, work, neighborhood, sports’ team, etc.)?
- How is God calling you to have a kingdom mindset with the various local agencies in Rock Hill?
- In what ways is God calling you to be a part of church planting?
- How does this passage and sermon remind you of the good news of the gospel?
- In what ways does this passage and sermon challenge you to live differently as a follower of Jesus Christ?