



The Kingdom Pt.1 - Grace

Preached a breakout session at the Equip Conference on The Call to Lead...**We are called to lead with our WORDS, DEEDS & LIFESTYLE**...Each of these should be a reaction of Jesus. Jesus said repeatedly in the book of John that the words he spoke were not his own but his Father's. The deeds he did were not his own. They were what he saw the father do. His very life and lifestyle were not his own but were submitted to the will of His Father.

Likewise in everything we are to reflect the image of Jesus and His Kingdom!

We are going to spend the next 4 weeks looking at this mandate through the lens of THE KINGDOM because when Jesus came to die on the cross he didn't just forgive your sins. When he rose from the grave he didn't just give you an eternal hope. The work he did at the cross and the empty tomb actually gave us a new life and citizenship. He delivered us from the bondage of the kingdom of darkness and made us citizens of his heavenly, eternal kingdom!

As citizens of His Kingdom we have to understand what that is and what it means TO us and requires OF us!

Colossians 1:9-14 "9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 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; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Point 1: God doesn't want you ignorant of His Kingdom and your citizenship in it!

Vs. 9 He wants us filled with the knowledge of HIS WILL, having wisdom and spiritual understanding.

God created and redeemed you for a purpose in His Kingdom. We must be actively seeking His kingdom going about that business. **Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the Kingdom of God and**

His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you!” Jesus said he “must be about his Father’s business” So must we!

Point 2: The Kingdom is a kingdom of Grace.

John 1:14-17...Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. John 1:14-17 tells us that he is the FULNESS of Grace and Truth and of HIS fulness we have all received and “grace for grace” (vs. 16) Jesus is the King of Grace and Truth!

Point 3: The Kingdom demands repentance.

When we start to examine His Kingdom the first thing we hear Jesus say about it is that it DEMANDS repentance!

Matthew 4:17 “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!