

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
The Kingdom of Truth
John 18:33-38

1. *There are two kingdoms.*
2. *Heaven's citizens are identified by their allegiance to Jesus ("Everyone who is of the truth.")*
3. *Heaven's citizens are gathered from all the nations of the kingdom of earth.*
4. *Heaven's citizens will stand in opposition to the majority in this age, in all places.*
5. *The two Kingdoms will one day give way to One Kingdom.*

APPLICATION:

Be a disciple who daily becomes more free from the world and its lies.

Be loyal to your true King, even unto loss of property, freedom, or life itself.

Be a first responder for the Kingdom of God.

Digging Deeper into the Message

As we consider the One Kingdom Pastor Mike spoke of (see point #5), let's look at restoration.

Read Isaiah 35 and think about how beautifully it describes a future reality. What are some ways God's people, empowered by His Spirit, can create some glimpses of what is described in this passage?

Read Luke 10:25-37. How does this parable show how God is restoring His world? What do you think the two who walked by the injured man represented? How are we called to bring restoration?

Read Philippians 3:20-21. How does the concept of citizenship shape the way you bring the culture of Heaven into the here and now?

Application: Please read this article: Better than New: God's Grand Restoration Plan by Hugh Welchel, then describe how your day to day work matters.

<https://tifwe.org/better-than-new-gods-grand-restoration-plan/>

Community Group

Icebreaker: If you had to wear a t-shirt everyday for a month with one word on it, what word would that be and why?

Discussion Questions:

- Read the sermon text, John 18:33-38, and the first MAP point. How do you identify with belonging to a kingdom? In what way does belonging to God's kingdom shape how well we love others?
- Read the second point and describe how you think "allegiance to Jesus" would look to those who do not yet follow Him. Tell about someone who has shown loyalty in your life. What impact did that have?
- Read Revelation 7:9 and the third point. What did you imagine as that verse was read? What ideas do you have for promoting acceptance, respect and dignity across cultural and ethnic barriers?
- Read the fourth point. Where have you seen or experienced this? How can we encourage each other and walk in love towards those who live in a dark world?
- Read the fifth point. How does this make us rethink where we invest our time and attention? In what ways can we promote healing as we work as Jesus' representatives here and now?
- What else would you like to discuss from the sermon?

Read the application points and share ideas for how to live in more freedom, being loyal to Jesus and loving others well.