



Week 7- "Little Kingdoms Everywhere"

Christianity offers us an incredible opportunity to read documents written by people who knew Jesus. They wrote first hand accounts of what Jesus said and what He did. In this series, we are reading a letter written to the Ephesians by a guy named Paul. In this week's message we continue looking at what it practically looks like to walk from a place of first sitting with Christ. When we can look at these steps through the lens of the Gospel it brings so much clarity on what Paul is actually telling his readers.

1. What stood out to you from the message?

Read Ephesians 4:28-32 and Ephesians 5:1-5

2. How does the contrast of Christ's kingdom being selfless, and our kingdom being self centered help bring context for what Paul is saying in Ephesians 5?

Read Matthew 6:9-13

3. How would you answer the question: What Kingdom are you living in?

4. Can evaluating where you spend your time, money, energy help highlight what Kingdom you are living in?

5. What does it say about God's heart for you that He invites you to live life in His Kingdom, and offers you help through His Spirit in surrendering your kingdom?

6. How can the practice of daily surrendering to Jesus help you break free from a pressure to live perfectly?

7. Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking you to surrender right now, and is there someone you can share that with for encouragement?

Jesus' Kingdom is selfless, He always offers himself for the good of others, and He invites us to live in His Kingdom. When we surrender and step off the throne of our kingdom we get to live in the life, hope, provision, and forgiveness found in His Kingdom. It isn't about living a perfect life, but daily surrendering and allowing Him to be the King of your heart and life.