



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of March 26, 2023

Sermon: "Kingdom Ethics"

Text: Hebrews 13:1-6

SUMMARY

If we are the inheritors of an unshakable kingdom—how do we act in that kingdom? With brotherly, familial love, which leads to hospitality for those outside the kingdom, a concern for the justice of the oppressed, a high regard for the glory of marriage, a freedom from love of money, and a confidence in God's help.

FOR GROUPS

How have you experienced the love of God through the brotherly love of fellow Christians in/through the church?

What are ways that you are particularly gifted / equipped / resourced to show brotherly love and hospitality to the church and neighbors?

We have received the “welcome of God” in Christ - God’s hospitality. What barriers do you see in your life to extending hospitality to others? How might those barriers be overcome?

In our context, what groups/types of people might we understand to be “mistreated” or “marginalized?” How can we “remember” them in such a way as to demonstrate our hope in Christ and his unshakable kingdom?

What are practical ways in which spouses can show honor to one another? How does the church lead the way in broadly honoring marriage before a culture that shows little regard for God’s design and intention for marriage?

The text says, “let the marriage bed be undefiled,” or stated positively - “let the marriage bed be kept pure.” The warning that follows is regarding both sexual immorality (a general/broad term; “fornication”) and adultery (specifically, marital infidelity). What are practical ways, or best practices, to promote marital fidelity and purity, and to diminish and avoid the temptation to sexual immorality and adultery?

What does the “love of money” look like in your life? How could you, or someone from your CG, recognize when your life is oriented toward the love of money?

How does the Lord’s promise to never leave or forsake you promote contentment in your soul and life?

Describe how the promise of v. 6 can bolster confidence and Christian courage to live out hospitality and the welcome of God toward others.