

Kingdom Logic

A Life Built on Prayer

Jesus calls us to a radical life!

The kingdom of God looks radical to our current and broken world.

To think kingdom-minded means we think outside the logic of culture.

To live kingdom-minded means to live as Jesus lived.

6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

1 John 2:6

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Last week, if you were here, we spent a lot of time talking about transformation. And transformation can be summed up by using John the Baptist's words.

"He must become greater, and I must become less."

John 3:30

1. Kingdom-minded people prioritize prayer in their lives.

Special Moments

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

Luke 3:21

Before Ministry

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
Luke 4:1

In Need of Connecting

"Yet the news about Him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Luke 5:15-16

Before a Big Decision

¹² One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

Luke 6:12

(Choosing the 12 Disciples)

Prays with Others

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray.

Luke 9:28 (Transfiguration)

Prays for Others

John 17

In Need

⁴⁰ There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

⁴¹ He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

Luke 22:40-44

In Pain

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Luke 23:34

⁴⁶ Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

Luke 23:46

Prayer wasn't something Jesus did when He had time. Prayer was woven into the entire life of Jesus.

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

Why is Prayer Radical?

It demonstrates a need for God.

Never stop praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

2. Kingdom-minded people relentlessly intercede for others.

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good

and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Why is praying relentlessly for others radical?

It instills in us the desire to care for people's souls.

How do we pray?

9 Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

10 May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today the food we need,

12 and forgive us our sins,

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation,

but rescue us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13

Praise
Request
Admit
Yield

“If the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on, and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

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