



Kingdom Builders Week 3: LOCAL

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Kingdom Builders is a new initiative Good News is implementing. As we learned last week, it will:

- Simplify our giving process.
- Allow everyone to participate in global, local, and future kingdom work.
- Will remind us that what we do effects eternity and is for the glory of Jesus.

Kingdom Builders Global:

Statistically, \$.01 for every dollar given to global work in our country goes to unreached people groups. At Good News, 88% of global giving goes to unreached.

Kingdom Builders is a way we all get to participate in the mission of Jesus through Good News. When we give to one thing, we give to everything.

Philippians 4:11-19 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.** Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; **what I desire is that more be credited to your account.** I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. **And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**

Paul earnestly desires for the **benefit of the one who gave, growth in the giver, and spiritual credit to be given.**

We will soon have a booklet, showing all the people and ministries Good News is partnering with. *Note: Some names will be redacted due to global workers ministering in restricted regions of the world.

Kingdom Builders: Local - Omaha and Nebraska

Luke 10: 25-29 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

- This expert in religious law wants to justify himself: "Who do I really have to love?"
- We can say the correct answer and our hearts can still be in the wrong place.
- We have done the same thing. **We** decide in our hearts who we are going to love and serve, how we give, and how we participate in church but often disregard the call of God to our engagement in the world around us, especially in a world we don't always like.

This expert of the law knew the **letter of the law** while **missing the spirit of the law**. We cannot become cynical, indifferent or hate the very place we are called to. **Who is your neighbor?**

- Have you become cynical or indifferent or possibly even hate the community you live in, the very place you are called to serve and love?

- Do you see how it is possible to know the correct answer but not live it? Do you have your heart in the wrong place even though you know how to say the right answer?

- Are you guilty of trying to determine who you DON'T have to love?

Luke 10:30-37 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper.

"Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Samaritans were seen as "less than", half breeds, or impure. They were even considered dogs of the culture. While this specific Samaritan had nothing to gain by helping the victim on the side of the road, he did it anyways.

- The Priest and Levite (leaders of the community) passed by on the other side. They wanted nothing to do with the man.
- The Samaritan not only cared for him but paid all expenses for his recovery.

Jeremiah 29:5-7 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Who is our neighbor? **Whoever is in need.**

- They may have a different skin color.
- They may speak a different language.
- They may believe a different faith.
- They may be a different age.
- They may have a different political affiliation.

Every opportunity of need is an opportunity to invite the kingdom of God into everyday life, pointing people towards Jesus.

Each of us can meet people in our community in unique ways that others of us cannot. The role of our leadership team is to do their best to equip you to be ministers of the gospel to your community, to build Jesus' Kingdom where you are assigned to reach. Remember, we are Kingdom Builders and we are Kingdom Bringers to **everyone. everywhere. every day.**

- Who is your neighbor and how can you point them to Jesus?
- How can you bring the Kingdom of God to your neighbors?

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