



Characteristics of Kingdom People Luke 5:1-11

Kingdom people “press in” to hear the Word of God.

Verses 1-4:

Text Message:

- o The crowd in verse one is not simply “crowding around” (NIV) Jesus to hear the Word, but “pressing in.”
- o The picture is a crowd pushing and striving to be able to hear Jesus (thank God for microphones!)
- o This was anything but “tame!” (Thank God for boats!)

o *How do we cultivate such a hunger for God's Word?*

- 1) Admit where we are today [Observers, Hearers, Doers].
- 2) Pray for a greater hunger.
- 3) Do what you would do if you had this hunger (step of faith).

Kingdom People are willing to go deeper with Jesus.

Verses 4-7:

Text Message:

- o Look at Jesus' words to Peter (Verse 4): "Go deeper!"
- o Notice this miracle catch of fish came about when Peter was willing to act in faith against natural reason.
- o We too "Go deeper!" when we become "doers" of the Word!

Kingdom People are quick to confess sin.

Verse 8:

Text Message:

- o What an odd response!

- o “Depart from me” sounds a bit relaxed for the urgency and tone of Peter’s words: “Go away!” (CSB) is perhaps better.
- o There is a verbal thread here that would’ve connected with the hearing audience of the Gospel of Luke, where the same word is used in the exact same tense as here (See Luke 4:35!).
- o *Isn’t it interesting that Peter was quick to confess sin even though the miracle had nothing to do with this?*
- o This is what happens the closer we come to Jesus!

Kingdom people look for ways to tell others about Jesus.

Verse 10b:

Text Message:

- o While Jesus’ words do have connection to Peter as a fisherman, there is a larger context that ties into Jesus’ work of embodying the kingdom of God (See Jeremiah 16:14-16).
- o The message of Jesus that we share with the world is not simply a “this is how you go to heaven when you die,” but a message of, “this is how we live as people of God’s kingdom.”

- o Remember, the kingdom of God:
 - 1) Was inaugurated Jesus in His first coming.
 - 2) Was empowered by Jesus in his resurrection/ascension.
 - 3) Will be completed by Jesus in his second coming.

Kingdom People reorient life around Jesus Christ.

Verse 11:

Text Message:

- o Kingdom people leave behind whatever is in the way of following Jesus.
- o *What may Jesus be saying I need to leave to follow Him?*
- o Question for Jesus: *Jesus, which of these characteristics would you like to speak to me about?*