



**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**11.13.22 Message | David Beuttel**

**Key Scriptures:**

*And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever...*

- Daniel 2:44

*And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

- Daniel 7:14

*So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"*

*After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."*

- John 18:33-38

**Message Highlights:**

- We think we love truth until the truth doesn't fit with what we like.
- We have conflicting kingdoms, kingdoms of this world that we give value to. Central among these kingdoms being ourselves.
- Jesus' Kingdom is not from this world, but it is absolutely FOR this world.
- The scriptures give us a clear picture of what we are fighting for and what the Kingdom of God here on earth looks like.



- When we unite truth and purpose together, that's where we see conflicting Kingdoms collide and God's Kingdom prevail.

**Conversation Starter:**

Truth hurts! Share about a time when you told a white lie that resulted in bigger consequences than you were expecting. What was the process of reconciling with that truth like?

**Discuss the Message:**

1. Give some evidence or examples of the truth that God's Kingdom is not of this world. Refer to John 18:33-38 to help you answer.
  - a. What are the kingdoms, worldly or eternal, that you are fighting for?
  - b. What strongholds would you break free from if you focused your attention only on fighting for God's Kingdom rather than your own?
2. Jesus' Kingdom is our only hope; do you truly believe this? What might be holding you back if you still have hesitations?
  - a. How would you describe the hope we have because of Jesus' Kingdom to someone who does not yet know him?
  - b. What do we gain when we have a clear picture of the hope of Jesus' Kingdom? How is this similar to working through a puzzle while seeing a picture of the finished piece?
3. Speak to the significance that God's Kingdom is an eternal one. What does it mean to you that his Kingdom endures the test of time?
  - a. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a great way to spread the good news of God's eternal kingdom. What tools have you found to be helpful in "gospeling" or sharing this good news?
  - b. Why is it important to employ the use of something like an OCC box when "gospeling"?

**Pray:**

*Father God, the author of truth, we are humbled to come before you and have access to the life changing truth of the gospel. Would you continue instilling in us a desire to know and learn who you are? When we have opportunities to study the truth, may we lean into those. When we have opportunities to unite truth and purpose, show us how we can take action to be a conduit of your light! We pray all of this in your son's name. Amen.*