

# Thy Kingdom Come

## Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!" (James 1:22 NIV)*

### SUMMARY

In 2 Samuel 6:1–23, Pastor Billy Venezia taught that David's intentions were right, but his methods were wrong. Success led him to act without seeking God's direction, trusting his own ideas and the advice of others, which resulted in tragedy. God cares not only about *what* we do but also *how* we do it. Borrowing the methods of the world to do the work of God will never work! We must realign ourselves with God's order and follow His prescribed way!

### APPLICATION

- 1. Hey God, maybe I'll seek what You want...but maybe not. (Vs. 1-2)**
  - In your opinion, what is the most difficult part of asking God for direction?
  - Why do we tend to make plans first and ask God to bless them later?
  - When have you seen your "perfect" plan dissolve into a chaotic mess in the past?
- 2. Look at me, Lord! I'm certainly doing the right thing for You, right? (Vs. 3-5)**
  - What does this passage teach about the difference between good intentions and godly obedience? When have you assumed your good intentions equaled God's approval?
  - Why is it dangerous to borrow worldly methods for spiritual work?
  - What are modern examples of "new carts" we try to use in place of God's ways?
  - How can Scripture guide both *what* we do and *how* we do it?
- 3. I don't understand why this is happening to me! (Vs. 6-11)**
  - How did David respond when his plan went wrong and what can we learn from that?
  - When did God allow a "bump in the road" to get your attention and how did that expose your need for repentance or realignment?
  - Pastor Billy explained that the threshing floor is where the meaningFUL gets separated from the meaningLESS. What are some areas in your life where God might be separating the meaningful from the meaningless, and how can you respond faithfully?
  - How can we discern whether something in our life is truly meaningful to God versus something that just seems important to us?
- 4. Let's try this again! (Vs. 12-23)**
  - Why did David's second attempt to move the Ark lead to joy instead of tragedy?
  - What keeps you from expressing joy and humility in worship the way David did?
  - What grace has the Lord shown you in a mess you've made by giving you another chance?

### PRAYER

Pray to seek **FIRST** His Kingdom and His righteousness in everything you do!



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