

Getting Off the Fence and Beginning Life

Week of May 6, 2018



Message Recap:

Read Matthew 13:18-23 and Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus said in Mark 1:15, “The time has come; the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” He makes it clear that you need to know what time it is in your life; the time has come! God is doing something right now, right here. Trust and believe that the message of God through Jesus is for you. If you accept this and are saved, you’ll want the kingdom; but if you’re still lost you’ll want the world. What do you really want? Most of us will choose to live lost in a broken world instead of accepting our place in the kingdom of God. Give your life for the kingdom and you’ll find the kingdom coming to you now, helping you live with purpose. When you embrace this, you will finally leave living “lost” and live the kingdom for all it’s worth.

Pray

Father, help me see the kingdom work you want me to do; help me refocus my eyes from the world to you. I don’t want to serve the world any longer. I only want to live for the kingdom for all it’s worth! Show me how to put the kingdom first in all I do, especially when it comes to my finances.

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Getting Started

- What time is it in your life? (What life stage are you in? What is important to you?)
- What is God doing in your life right now?

Digging Deeper

1. Explain why or how religion is “lost looking saved.”
2. True life-change begins by answering, “What do you really want?” What is your honest answer to that question?
3. Why is it hard for us to truly accept our place in the Kingdom of Jesus?
4. How would you define “living lost”?
5. What would it take for you to finally leave “living lost”?
6. How would you describe Kingdom Living to a new believer?
7. Read Matthew 16:19-24. Why is a conversation about money relevant to a discussion about Kingdom Living?
8. Are you giving what God is calling you to give?

Living Jesus

Kingdom living is about putting the goals of Jesus before your own. It’s about letting go of what the world values and embracing the things of God. In the kingdom, values change and energy is refocused. A kingdom-focused heart leads to a life of giving. Remember money is more about your desires; Jesus will either turn your heart from loving money more than him, or money will turn your heart away from Jesus. What will your choice be? Will you continue to live in a worth-less world, or accept the forever more of the the kingdom?

What's Your Story?

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