

Distinctive Kingdom Life

KINGDOM COME – Part 4

June 9, 2019



***Small Group discussion questions
for the week of June 9, 2019.***

Kingdom living is different than religious living:

1. Kingdom living is _____.

2. Kingdom living is _____.

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment."

Matthew 5:21-22a

3. Kingdom life is _____.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:25-26, 28, 31-33

4. Kingdom life is _____.

Icebreaker

1. As a child, what was a memorable family rule you would (love to) break?
2. What rule(s) do you have in your family?

First Impressions

In Sunday's sermon from the "Kingdom Come" series, what was most challenging, helpful or interesting to you? Is there something that you disagreed with or were confused about?

Digging Deeper in the Text

Read Matthew 5:1-48.

1. Why does Jesus explain his position on the Law and Prophets?
2. How does he "fulfill" the Prophets and "accomplish everything" in the Law?
3. How does the righteousness of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law contrast with what was described in vv. 3-11?
4. How do we obtain this surpassing righteousness?

Challenge: Apply the Scriptures

1. How can you tell if you are living a religious life or a kingdom life?
2. What answer would you give if someone asked you, "I want to live in the Kingdom of God. How do I do this?"