

Life Group Notes

Sunday 12th November 2023

Speaker: Dalene Reyburn

Title: Kingdom Humility

Passage: Matthew 18:1-6

Over the past weeks we've looked at what it means to **enter the Kingdom**, what it looks like to **extend the Kingdom**, and now we're looking at what it is to **experience the Kingdom** – this now-and-not-yet reality of the reign of Jesus on earth as it is in heaven. Part of our Kingdom experience is taking on the demeanour of our humble King Jesus and learning to live with humility ourselves.

Matthew 18:1-6

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to Him and put the child among them. Then He said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on My behalf is welcoming Me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in Me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Suggested Questions:

1. In what ways is humility evidence of God's upside-down Kingdom?
2. If you feel comfortable to do so, share about how pride is at the root of a sin you struggle with. What would change in your life if you humbled yourself in this area? How would your humility advance God's Kingdom?
3. How would you explain to someone the difference between *humility* and *humiliation*?
4. Describe how you could play one of these Humble Games, this week:
 - Piggy in the Middle
 - Tag You're It
 - Race You to the Bottom (OR: First One to the Cross Wins)
 - Heroes
 - Hide and Seek
5. Think of one of the humblest people you know. In what ways are they childlike? (For example, do they see the world differently, reframing situations to bring God's Kingdom? Are they self-forgetful? Are they enthusiastic, displaying a sense of wonder?)
6. In less than a minute, how would you explain to a colleague who is curious about Christianity that Kingdom humility is powerful, not pathetic?

This is the quote that Dalene shared as part of her preach:

*"When you are neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you sting and hurt with the insult and the oversight, but your heart is happy because you count it worthy to suffer for Christ: that is dying to self.
When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, yet you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself,
you take it all in patient, loving silence: that is dying to self.
When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, or any annoyance, when you can stand face to face with waste and folly and extravagance and spiritual insensitivity and endure it as Jesus endured it: that is dying to self.*

When you are content with any food, any offering, any clothes, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God: that is dying to self.

When you can never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendation, when you can love to be unknown: that is dying to self.

When you see your brother prosper and have his needs met, and honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and unmet: that is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising in your heart: that is dying to self."