

Life Group Notes

Sunday 22nd October 2023

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Title: Kingdom Come: Kingdom Commission

Passage: Matthew 10:5-16

⁵Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: “Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, ⁶but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost sheep. ⁷Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! ⁹“Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. ¹⁰Don’t carry a traveller’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality because those who work deserve to be fed.

¹¹“Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. ¹²When you enter the home, give it your blessing. ¹³If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. ¹⁴If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day. ¹⁶“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.

We are all called to be bringers of God’s kingdom, but sometimes we don’t know where to start. As a group, chat through some or all of these questions.

Suggested Questions:

- 1) Is this a familiar passage? Which verse struck you most and why?
- 2) Jesus told his disciples to go and announce the kingdom, heal the sick etc with no money and no kit. Sometimes we feel like we need to wait for a big moment or sign from God or perhaps for more money, a bigger house, once we’ve finished education or when the kids have left etc. Is there something you’re waiting on? What would it mean for you to follow Jesus now? What’s God got for you today in the life you are living?
- 3) Remember my friend the 103 year old prayer warrior – do you find that you discount yourself from bringing the kingdom, perhaps because the stage of life you’re at or the circumstances you’re facing... rather than finding your place for now. Chat about that!
- 4) Is there an area of life where you’d like to bring the kingdom - perhaps in one of the projects I talked about or perhaps in your workplace as a medic, educator, finance, corporate world. If you had a group of 6 RFCers working in the same area – how would you like to bring the kingdom together?
- 5) Do you work in a business with a policy whereby employees can donate days in the year to charitable work, perhaps that could release some time for you. Check out the HR policy of your employer!
- 6) Is there something that you would like to do with your lifegroup – could you have a mission? Spend some time praying - ask God what he’s doing around you and how you might get involved!

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