

THE NEW KINGDOM

Luke 6:20-26

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. JESUS CAME TO BUILD A NEW KINGDOM
 - The Old Kingdom- Power, Comfort, Success, Recognition
 - The New Kingdom – Weakness, Sacrifice, Grief, Exclusion
2. HOW TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE NEW KINGDOM
 - There needs to be a radical facing of yourself
 - There needs to be a radical handing over of yourself

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. In Luke 6:20-26 Jesus compares the values of the Old Kingdom (power, comfort, success and recognition) with the values of His New Kingdom (weakness, sacrifice, grief and exclusion). What are your first thoughts when you see this comparison?
3. We live in the first ever secular society that believes that the meaning of life is to be happy. But it could be argued, and research shows, that people are more unhappy than ever. Why do you think that is?
4. People in Jesus' New Kingdom are free from being dependent on circumstances. For example, they will be able to weep and be deeply happy at the same time. What makes that possible?
5. It is entirely possible to be in the New Kingdom and yet still have areas of our lives that are based on the value-system of the Old Kingdom. In order to live in the freedom that is available in the New Kingdom, we must radically face ourselves and see all the ways we've been shaped by the old kingdom. How have you been molded by your desire for power, comfort, success and recognition? How do you respond when you lose one of these things?
6. In what ways have your pursuit of power, comfort, success and recognition led to breakdown in your relationships?
7. When we face ourselves and see all our problems it can be so tempting to try to fix things ourselves through routines and good habits. However, true freedom is only found when we hand over control of our spiritual formation to God. What does handing over control look like?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Christianity is not primarily about us conquering the evil “out there.” Christianity is not primarily about us conquering the evil in ourselves. Christianity is primarily about us being conquered by the rightful King, Jesus Christ.