



The Church and The Kingdom Pt. 2

Icebreaker: What is your favorite “fall” flavored treat?

Review and Discuss:

- What was God speaking to you this week as you listened to Pastor Mark?
- What does Christ expect from the church?
 - Submission to Jesus’ authority
 - Live a life aimed at loving service
 - Unity - Submitting to one another
 - Realize: Christianity is not just about you

Context: Historic Theological Views of the Church’s Role

- Take some time to look up the meaning of these Theological views:
 - Dominance Theology
 - Escapism Theology
 - Engagement Theology
- Take some time to look up these traditional Model’s of Church:
 - The Attractional Model
 - The Intentional Model

Read Together: Matthew 16:19 ESV, Matthew 6:9-10 ESV, Jeremiah 29:7 ESV

Discuss:

- How Does the Kingdom Advance?
 - The Kingdom Advances Through Influence.
- How Do You Gain Influence?
 - Influence is gained through: Prayer, Being Equipped, and Serving
- How did Jesus tell us to Pray?
- How is Jesus telling you to Pray For Your City ?

You cannot change that which you do not love. - David Powers

Read Together: Acts 1:4-8 ESV, Ephesians 4:11-16 NLT, Proverbs 22:29 ESV

Discuss:

- What does it look like to Pray for the Holy Spirit's Power?
- How often do you Pray for God's strategy/ equipping?

Read Together: Mark 10:45 NLT, John 13:3-5 ESV, Luke 15:1-7 The Message, Luke 4:43 ESV, Mark 10:46-52 The Message

Discuss:

- How did Jesus model serving?
- When do you overlook the Blind Bartimaeus?
- How is Jesus asking you to serve?

Prayer:

Father, I don't know how to do all the things Jesus did! I don't know how to serve when I feel busy and preoccupied. I don't know how to observe and care the way Jesus did! But I do want to follow your example and be used by you in a way that is loving and honoring to you. Please show me how to do what you are asking me to do. Help me not to put more on my shoulders than you have. Please help me to love the ones you highlight to me and give me a heart of faithfulness to serve. In Jesus' name, Amen!