

THE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 5 "KINGDOM VALUES"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13, 18; MARK 4

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INTRODUCTION

- Last time we covered that the call of the Kingdom is to be servants and stewards.
- This week will be on Kingdom values.

I. THE POWER OF PARABLE

- Jesus was the master teacher, and the tool He relied on most was the power of stories.
- Parables in Greek = "throw alongside."
- The purpose of a parable is to communicate something hard and important with a fictional story that is familiar.
- Jesus used parables to communicate values and expectations for living a Kingdom oriented life.
- Parable of the Sower - Matthew 13:1-9
- Matthew 13:10-13, "...Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?"...¹² To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. ¹³ That is why I use these parables..."
- Understanding the Kingdom is determined by the posture of our heart.
- Are we a servant and steward?
- Are we surrendered and submitted toward His will over our own?

II. Kingdom Values

- As Jesus followers, Kingdom values are the things that walk us toward being more like Jesus - Guiding principles.

- Matthew 13 begins a series of parables that frame up the Kingdom.
 - Humility and Vulnerability
 - Matthew 18:1-6, "...anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."
 - Forgiveness
 - Matthew 18:21-35 – Parable of Unforgiving Debtor
 - Being unforgiving, unmerciful pushes us away from the heart of the Father.
 - Justice
 - Matthew 20:1-16 - Parable of Vineyard Workers
 - Kingdom values do not mirror the worlds.
 - Justice in the Kingdom often equates to getting what you don't deserve more often than what you do.
 - Prepared and Present
 - Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids
 - Live everyday as if it's your last. Always be ready for His return. No one knows the hour or the day...
 - Serving
 - Serving is deeply connected to the work of the Kingdom.
 - All of who we are belongs to Him. We were created to serve the King.

Close

- Matthew 11:25-30, Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father...thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike..."²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest..."³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."