

# SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

Matt began by asking about our denominational history. *What are your christian heritage roots? Or do you have non-Christian roots? How do you think this has impacted and formed you as a person? How do you think this has impacted your view of God?*

Yet, we are all a part of the Kingdom of God! Take some time as a group to read through some of these truths: **John 3:16, Ephesians 2:19, Philippians 3:20, 1 Peter 1:4, Revelation 21:27, Revelation 22:3-5** and finally **Matthew 6:33**.

So what does "Kingdom Allegiance" mean? Allegiance to the Kingdom's King and allegiance to all who belong to the Kingdom. It is a call to singular devotion to the king and a love for the Body, despite differences. We may have different opinions or thoughts regarding how we worship, how often we partake in communion, what songs guide our gatherings or the style of preaching... but these things can get in the way of our call to unity and love. We need to ask God to help us in this area.

## STOP AND PRAY #1

Take a minute to pray, thanking God that despite our roots, we are a part of His Kingdom and what we just read in the scriptures is true of us. Pray for our own hearts in this matter.

## STOP AND PRAY #2

Matt led us through **John 17:20-24**, a section of Jesus' prayer. Read it together and let it guide a time of prayer for the following:

1. RockPointe - unity, love, service and Kingdom allegiance.
2. Networks and denominations that are centered on Jesus.
3. Neighbourhoods who desperately need Jesus. For connection with others in your neighbourhood who know Jesus.
4. Workplaces and social spaces.
5. The nations who need Jesus.

Being a part of the Kingdom also means we have a clear understanding of what that means for us, and who we are declared to be. Read through the following:

- We've all been chosen by God and adopted as His children
- We've all been redeemed and forgiven of our sins
- We've all been made complete in Christ
- We all have direct access to the throne of God and can come and talk with Him any time
- We are all free from condemnation
- We have a King who works for our good in all circumstances
- We can never be separated from the love of God
- We've been established in our faith, anointed and sealed by God
- We are hidden with Christ in God
- We can be confident that God is at work in us, changing us
- We are citizens of heaven
- We no longer have to have a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind
- We have been born of God and the evil one cannot touch us
- We are invited to abide on the Vine with Jesus

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- We've been chosen and appointed to bear fruit
- We are God's temple because He lives in us
- We have been appointed as His ministers of reconciliation
- We are seated with Jesus in the heavenly realm
- We can approach God with freedom and confidence
- We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us

## STOP AND PRAY #3

Which of these strike you as an area you need prayer in? A place where maybe you aren't convinced of, feeling or experiencing right now, or if you're honest, an area you just have a hard time believing is true of you? Speak it out. Pray for those who highlight an area. Thank God that because of His work (not ours) this list is true of us.

## STOP AND PRAY #4

As we wrap up, stop and pray this together:

*Dear Heavenly Father, I have to admit that there are times in my life that I don't act like a kingdom person. I get so involved in life and what is happening to me, that it becomes what is most important to me. And because of that, I place these things as a higher priority than You and Your kingdom. Life is full of distractions that pull me away from You, and I let them do that. But now, Lord, I want to learn what it means to be a kingdom person. I want to learn what ignites Your heart, and I want that same thing to ignite my heart. I want to know the purpose that You have for my life. I want to learn more about the kingdom of God that you have brought me into so that I can become a true committed follower of Jesus Christ. Show me what it takes to become a kingdom person. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.*

## FINISHING OFF THE SERIES

Why was this week all about prayer? It is simply a recognition that our prayerful participation as a community is how we remain active and connected to the King, and how the Kingdom moves forward. Yet, as true as this is, Jesus also led the disciples into Kingdom action - service, love, compassion, preaching, teaching and discipling. So as we leave this series about Kingdom impact behind us...

1. What intentional changes, actions or steps are you going to make (or continue in) as a response?
2. Who has God placed on your heart to disciple, that they may also experience His Kingdom? How is it going? In what ways do you need support, either practically or with prayer?
3. What is one principle, tool or teaching that you can pass along to another?