

KINGDOM COME

Doing Our Most for the Least

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- *Goats* are those who have _____ Jesus as King.
- *Sheep* are those who have _____ their will and _____ Jesus as King.
- *The least of these* are the most _____ among us.

The kingdom of God is most visible when we care for the most vulnerable.

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Immigrants & Refugees (*xenos*)

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome... He... loves the foreigners residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt."

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Unborn & Mothers

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalms 139:13-14

Resources on the Kingdom of God & Politics:

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Questions based on the sermon from November 3, 2024

Getting to Know Me

1. When you were a child, did anyone offer you compassion or kindness in a meaningful way? What did they say or do that impacted you so much you still remember it?
2. Who is the most compassionate person you know? What do they do to show compassion?

Digging Deeper

3. What did you find insightful or challenging from Pastor Phil's message this past Sunday?
4. Read Matthew 25:31-40. In this passage, what impresses you most about the heart of God?
5. Read Matthew 25:41-46. How seriously does God take our actions and the heart we have, or don't have, for the hurting?
6. When you think of "*the least of these*" in our world today, who does God bring to your heart? How can you be God's ambassador to this person or community?
7. Read I John 3:16-18. What is the definition of "love" in this passage? How is love expressed?

8. I Peter 2:11-12 reminds us that we too are exiles and foreigners in this world. How does this passage reframe your attitude toward immigrants and foreigners?

9. Of the scriptures shared on Sunday (Psalm 139:13-14; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:39f...), which most hits home as you consider life in the womb? How can we care well for both the unborn and parents facing an unexpected pregnancy?

10. Read I John 4:7-12. How can we have compassion or show love to someone disagree with? Share some practical ideas or examples from your life.

Where Do I Go from Here?

11. What does our behavior toward the "*the least of these*" say to the world who does not know Jesus? Have you seen God use your actions of love to bring others to Christ?
12. Who is someone you know who is in need that you can help this week? How can you reach out in love?
13. Is God calling you to make amends or seek forgiveness from someone you've turned your back on when they were in need? What steps do you need to take to show God's compassion and love?

Prayer: God, give us your eyes to see the needs of those around us. Give us the heart, the energy and the time to love with actions those who need it most. Draw others to your kingdom by our love. Amen.

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