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Kingdom Living
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Sermon Notes

Kingdom Living should look *different*.

Kingdom Living will be *exciting* and *challenging*.

Kingdom Living will be *worth it*.

Doug mentioned that biblical truth is counterintuitive. It can be upside down from our perspective (but right side up from God's). Read each passage below and identify the counterintuitive truth and the way we normally see that truth.

James 1:2-4

Matthew 5:11-12

Matthew 7:13-14

What is it that keeps God's people from fully embracing this counterintuitive life?

How can we raise our own level of the awareness of who we are in the Kingdom and how to live in the Kingdom?

How are you doing at living in accordance with these teachings of the upside down kingdom?

To live in a kingdom means that we, the subjects, follow the parameters given to us by the King. For us, we find these parameters in the Bible - the Word of God.

Read Matthew 13:1-11 and 16 - 23

What keys do you see in this passage that help us understand the difficulties of living the kingdom life in the culture in which we are planted?

In what ways do you think this passage was an encouragement for the disciples? In what ways might this parable have been a bit troubling?

Because the Bible is the King's communication to us, we can expect it to have more impact in our lives for the Kingdom than any other book ever written. In several places, the Bible uses various metaphors to explain the impact it can have on us.

Read each of the following verses and identify the metaphor used to describe the Bible.

Hebrews 4:12

Jeremiah 23:29

James 1:23

Psalm 119:105

What does each metaphor communicate about how the Bible can impact people's lives?

How have you seen each metaphor at work in your life?

How might those metaphors impact our Kingdom mentality?

The Kingdom of God should be something completely different from the Kingdom of the world.

Read 1 John 2:7 -17

How does this passage challenge us to live in the world as Kingdom people?

In what ways can Kingdom people bring a change to the culture around them? When have you ever seen it work?

Read Colossians 1:10-14

What things can you personally do to live the life God wants you to live - as a Kingdom participant?