

Dig Deeper @Home – “The [Un]Kingdom”
Complement to sermon on 3/24/2019 – “Unrivaled”

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share an experience you have had with a “rivalry” you experienced between two teams or two groups of people. Which side were you on?
2. What is one way a person can show their allegiance to a favorite team?

MEMORIZE – Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor

READ – Read Luke 20:19-26

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Jesus takes this politically charged question about paying taxes to Caesar in verse 22 and turns it into a teaching opportunity. What is so insightful about Jesus’ response in vs. 25? What does Jesus mean when he says, “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s?”
4. Read Philippians 3:20. What does it mean to live as a citizen of God’s kingdom? Where might you experience the most conflict dealing with these two rival kingdoms, the kingdom of the world and the kingdom of God?
5. Read Romans 13:1-7. Compare the passage with Acts 5:27-32. What is the difference between submitting to governing authorities and unconditionally obeying them?
6. What is the vision that Jesus gives us as His followers as to how we are to view this rivalry between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God? Read Revelation 11:15. How might this impact our view today?

Experiential: Serve God's Kingdom

In the struggle between giving allegiance to "Caesar" (the world's kingdom) and serving God, we have daily choices to make. Decide as a family, small group or individual to choose a person or group to serve in some specific way. Decide how you can show by your actions that all things belong to God and that we are called to serve others. Talk about the struggle we face in our lives to obey God over all other authorities.

Testimony Time

Share about a time that you experienced the reality of God's present kingdom becoming real to you in your circumstances. How did God show up?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

What a Beautiful Name - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name – Mennonite Hymnal #95

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Lord Jesus, we worship you as King and gratefully offer our service to you to live in your kingdom. Thank you for delivering us from the kingdom of darkness and for bringing us into the light of your love and grace. Grant us the wisdom and courage to live as citizens of joy, righteousness and peace as we go about our life and work this day. May Jesus Christ be praised. Amen.