

Kingdom People

Matthew 25:14-30

When Jesus told stories they always carried with them some teaching about Him or the kingdom of God. When a story starts with the “kingdom of heaven is like” we need to sit up and take notice. Within the story are principles and concepts that will help us in our daily walk with God.

When Jesus talks about ‘The Kingdom of heaven” get ready for you are about to learn something about the mindset or perception of kingdom people.

Not everyone who comes to church has a kingdom mind. Many who come to church are just looking to get something. They think the world owes them something and in some way they have made a connection to the church. **I believe that a person who has a kingdom mind set has great influence.** They can influence a person towards Christ, do something that makes a difference because they are not just looking for ‘what’s in this for me?’

There are various characteristics of kingdom minded people. Today we will look at some of them.

Kingdom people have

1. Right mindset about God.

He gives for us to use and grow.

Two of them realised what he was like. This is amazing. God gives to us so that we can use what we have and grow from it.

Ephesians 4:7

But to each one of us grace was give according to the measure of Christ's gift.

God is a giver. He has given gifts for us to use and grow with. Its up to us to use them and grow with them.

God is a taker?

One had a mindset of harshness, cruelty, hard man, taking what is perceived to be not his.

All he did was demand, demand, demand.

Here's the upshot of this, and it is quite powerful.

"You get what you think about God"

What do you believe about God? That's what you get from God.

Do you believe He is a withholder only blessing others, then that is what will happen to you? Do you believe that God is a giver, one who opens doors, grants opportunities, brings blessings, gives abundant love then that is what you will find about God.

This right mindset of God will radically change your perception of church and life.

How then can I change my mindset about God?

Good question.

- a. Read the word
- b. Hang around positive people

- c. Stop listening to people who are negative
- d. Take steps of faith
- e. Speak the word.

Who do we think we really are?

When Jesus was tempted the devil said to him 'If you are the Son of God?' Today the enemy says the same thing to us. If you are a child of God? It's a taunt.

How did Jesus respond?

It is written. He spoke the word of God over the situation.

Isaiah 54:13 - Promise for children

Phil 4:19 - Promise for finances

Romans 8:37-40 - Promise for connection and love

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Promise for Direction

Galatians 3:13 - Promise for healing

Ephesians 1:4 - Promise for Acceptance

Ephesians 2:8-10 - Promise for salvation

Psalms 23 - Promise for protection

Psalms 1 - Promise for blessings

Isaiah 54:17 - Promise for Deliverance

Don't come grovelling to God. Put Him in remembrance of His promises. A kingdom person constantly reminds God.

2. Right mindset of the church.

Two weeks ago, Ps Bayden led us in taking up an amazing offering. Over \$58K has been pledged. This is amazing and shows many of us here have a right mindset of the church.

Many of us have understood, when you build God's house, His House, He builds yours. His house is destined to be the chief above all other mountains. I want to encourage you this morning, if you haven't given, or want to believe God for more then step out. Build the house of God, His House. You will be amazed at what God will do through your life. When you build God's house he builds yours.

At C3 Marion we believe that we need the mindset of 'His House First'.

We don't just say that, we act it out. We desire that His House is built and expanded.

In Matthew 25:14-30

Increasing Dominion vs Decreasing dominion

Two of them were committed to increasing the master's dominion. They took what God had given them and used it and grew it. They came and brought the talents back to God. What you have will come back to God- eventually. They increased the master's dominion.

God wants us to have dominion. To increase, be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth. It's our call to fill the earth. God's mandate for us has always been one of dominion.

God's dominion is about his rulership. Every time someone gets saved, disciplined and commissioned God's dominion increases. It literally gets built by us. We built the church of God and give it dominion.

The 3rd one wasn't interested in the master's dominion.

Fear robbed him of the reward. He had opportunity. He had ability. But he lacked motive. He did not have the right motive, mindset about God or his dominion. His church.

What is God's mindset concerning the church?

It's His only vision. Matthew 16:17-18 Jesus said, "I will build my church"

Building takes commitment, love, giving, sowing, paying a price now. Too often the church is so inward minded looking for the faults within that it forgets the vision that God has of the Church.

We are a church that builds. We are a church that lifts its eyes up and says 'let's build'.

Recently we had a couple of events in the life of the church which were amazing.

Working bees – almost 30 people turned up here one Saturday morning and made the decision to put God's House first. Thank you so much. I want to encourage you, set the time aside to come to working bees. It builds the house of God. It makes a statement that goes far beyond the physical. It transcends into

the spiritual. We love our church. We love our place, we love our God.

SOCA Retical – just amazing to see all the talent that is being released into the kingdom of God. Simply amazing. On Thursday night we had about 50 church members here but we also had about 60 non members here. It was literally a fruitful field waiting for someone to come along and harvest it. If you missed out then don't miss the next one. We have the opportunity to change a state, affect a generation and build the church just by coming along and talking with a visitor.

We have opportunities all around us to build influence.

Kingdom minded people **see the opportunity and take it.**

3. Right mindset of the gift.

Everyone has gifts & talents. Gifts & talents don't always reflect fruitfulness.

The gift is not the fruit. The fruit comes from what we do with the gift.

Matthew 7:30 - Therefore you shall know them by their fruits.

Fruits come from using the gift.

Gifts change people's lives when they use them. Just because you have a gift doesn't mean you are a changed person. We need to use our gifts so that we can be changed and change others worlds.

Two of the servants allow the gift the master gave to change their lives.

The 3rd one wouldn't let the gift change their life.

What you do affects others?

At c3 Marion we celebrate people and their gifts. I just love to see people use their gifts and talents to extend the kingdom of God. To build His House.

Kingdom minded people have a revelation of gifts and giving.

What I do affects others not just myself.

Conclusion

Today lets be kingdom people. Lets' speak to our lives. Lets answer the accusations, rejection, taunts of the enemy with the word of God. Lets live our lives with a sense of opportunity not of loss.

We have opportunity every day. It's all around us. God wants us to build His House with purpose and promise.