

## KBL KINGDOM #3

### PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, go around the circle, and answer the following question:

The zombie apocalypse is coming. Who are 3 people you want on your team?

### LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to the third week of KBL Kingdom. In this series, we're getting focused on the culture we are creating at Lifeway Church. As the KBL Kingdom, we are committing to be a people who choose Kingdom Culture over Worldly Culture in our day to day lives. We want to be different so that when people interact with us in the community or when they come through the doors of Lifeway, they want to be a part of the Kingdom and its culture as well. Before we jump into this week's discussion, let's take a few minutes to catch up with one another and check how we are doing spiritually.

How did you feed your soul this week (scripture reading, worship music, prayer time, etc.)?

How did you feed someone else's spirit this week (serve or minister to someone)?

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## COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

This week, Josh talked about being a Champion of Reconciliation to those around us. We want to be people known for always having a space open at our table. We want to be people who point others to Christ in every situation.

Read the following scripture so you can see the job description for a Champion of Reconciliation.

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

God was in Jesus, reconciling the world to himself. Meaning, Jesus was the servant commissioned for a purpose. After Jesus is risen from the dead, proving that he truly is the Son of God, he then commissions us with the task of reconciling people to God the Father.

This is a noble task that could dictate the eternity of everyone that comes in contact with you. Jesus wants to use you to change people's lives. You just have to live out the task he gave you.

Just like God no longer counted the sins of people against them, no longer should you. Your job is to be a servant commissioned for the purpose of reconciling people to God.

Like Josh said in his sermon this past week, we should be continually inviting people to the table that God prepared until the house is full. They probably won't look like us, act like us, or speak like us, but our job is not to judge them. Our job is to invite them. We are commissioned to create a space for them to meet the King—Jesus—and by the power of the Holy Spirit have their lives radically changed.



Dive into this story as a group to see how Jesus modeled being a champion of reconciliation.

### Read Mark 2:13-17

In this story, Jesus is eating with the people that the Pharisees and religious elite least expected, despised and turned their nose up at: the tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners. They couldn't believe that Jesus was eating with these people.

Tax collectors were hated because they were known for profiting off the backs of the people, prostitutes were considered unclean filth that God wouldn't love, and there were all kinds of sinners at this table Jesus chose to sit at.

Like Josh said in his sermon, the Pharisees and religious elite were the ones making the excuses. They thought they were too busy, they thought they were too good, they thought they were healthy. They were "religious" and therefore didn't have time or space in their life for people like these. They saw these people as an inconvenience, unworthy of their time, and people that would make them unclean.

Jesus was the ultimate champion of reconciliation in this story. He didn't care about these people's background, skin color or creed. He didn't care about their economic status or what church they did or didn't attend. He had one thought when He sat at the table: reconcile them to his Father.

As God's champions of reconciliation, we are called to do the same. We are to invite everyone to God's table.



We are to call everyone to the table of spiritual healing. We are to call everyone to God's table where their marriage can be healed, their past can be healed, where they can heal from their depression, anxiety, hurts, hang-ups...

Like Josh said, God has set his table of reconciliation. You are the servant, and he has called you to fill the empty seat.

How have you done at spending time with "sinners, prostitutes and tax collectors?" Why?

What holds you back from being a champion of reconciliation and actually going out to invite people to your table?

## **DEVOTE DAILY**

This week your challenge is literally to invite someone to the table of reconciliation. Whether they are like you or not, we are commissioned to be the champion of reconciliation. Jesus specifically asks us to be the ones to invite others to the table. Scripture says God wants to make his appeal of reconciliation through getting people to the table. It's hard, but it's so worth it. In the KBL Kingdom, we're going to have full plates, full tables and vocal servants. This week invite someone to church that you haven't invited before.

**Pray:** Pray this week that God would show you what you need to do or what you need to remove from your life to create a space at your table, so that you can live out God's call on your life to be a Champion of Reconciliation.

**Memorize:** 'So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"'  
2 Corinthians 5:20