

KBL KINGDOM #2

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

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

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to the second week of KBL Kingdom. In this series, we are getting focused on who God has called us to be as Lifeway Church. We don't go to church, we are the church. The calling of Jesus is to follow him all 168 hours of our week. As a member of this kingdom, we want to Know God, Be the Church, not just go to church, and Lead a Change in the world around us. This week, Mike talked about being led by the Spirit. Before we jump in, take some time to answer the following questions with your group:

How did you feed your soul this week?

How did you feed your flesh this week?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

Once we have learned to embrace our kingdom identity, we are a new creation in Christ. The next step in creating a kingdom culture at Lifeway Church Celina where we choose kingdom culture over worldly culture is knowing what it means to be led by the Spirit and allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit.

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Like Mike said this week, surrender to the Spirit is what produces a kingdom character within us, which will result in a kingdom culture that we desire here at Lifeway. Remember, the culture is you. As you and I become all that God has called us to be, then and only then will we become a church that chooses kingdom culture over worldly culture and is able to lead a change in our community. But, there is a tension within each and every one of us that pushes against choosing kingdom culture.

Read Romans 7:15-21

Can you relate to Paul's struggle to choose between kingdom culture and worldly culture in this passage? Why or why not?

God calls us to live out a kingdom culture. The world and even our own fleshly desires tell us to live out a worldly culture. The tension that we all feel when it comes to choosing a Kingdom Culture over Worldly Culture is that our sin nature will choose worldly culture every time.

There is a war within us between our spirit and God's Spirit. God's Spirit is wanting to point us to whom he created us to be and our spirit is seeking to satisfy our own sinful desires. These sinful desires directly conflict with the Kingdom character that God wishes to create in each of us.

The key to God creating a Kingdom character within us that chooses Kingdom culture is submission to God's controlling influence in our lives through His Holy Spirit in every decision. Paul teaches about this very topic in Galatians 5.



Read Galatians 5:16-26

Like Mike said on Sunday, we each have a spirit that animates who we are. It controls our attitudes, actions, and behaviors. It's what gives us personality. It is what makes you who you are. Your spirit is what makes you come alive in your truest sense. You are not just a robot or a physical being. You are a spirit being.

When we trust Christ, God's Spirit comes to dwell in us. The Holy Spirit comes to live in each of us, to be the controlling influence in our life, to be the chief animator of our attitudes, actions, and behaviors. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead comes alongside you to empower you to be all that you were created to be and to produce a Kingdom character in you.

The Spirit is not out to change who God created you to be but rather desires to produce fruit in you and shape you into all God intended for you to be. But you have to allow yourself to be led by the Spirit. You have to surrender to his leadership in your life.

What is an area of your life that you struggle to surrender to Christ?
(Ex: your marriage, your finances, your career, your time, etc.)

Why do you think that is?



DEVOTE DAILY

Find the same person who you were accountable with last week, check back in to see how you both did at choosing kingdom culture over worldly culture. Ask them to continue to hold you accountable this week in one of the areas you struggle to surrender to Christ. Through encouraging each other, this is living out our core value of loving and admonishing each other faithfully.

Pray:

As a group, spend some time praying together that you would surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Memorize:

“Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin” **Romans 7:25**