



ROYAL MARRIAGE

Kingdom _____ Matthew 4:17

Kingdom _____ Matthew 6:33, 7:12

Kingdom _____ Mark 10:1-12

Kingdom _____ Luke 12:32

Living _____ Colossians 1:13

Living _____ Ephesians 5:25

"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man..." Jesus of Nazareth

TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

These questions are provided for your personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. You can also obtain this document in electronic form at www.pacificcoastchurch.org by clicking on the sermon tab.

LIFE CHECKPOINT:

WHERE DO YOU BENCHMARK YOUR MARRIAGE OR CURRENT LOVE LIFE ON THE LINE? WHY?

FAIRY TALE _____ / _____ HAIRY TALE

BIBLE FOCUS AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

- How does it strike you to hear, "The Kingdom of Heaven is near"? (Matthew 4:17)
- Read Matthew 6:31-34. The words of Jesus are very clear and direct, "Seek first His Kingdom" (the Father's Kingdom). How do these words impact you? Why does it seem ironic and crazy to worry about clothes, food, and money as a child of the King?
- Read Matthew 7:12. Watching Jesus, leads many people to believe He played by different rules. (See His "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5:3-7:6.) Then he says His rules fulfill the long standing laws of God and His prophetic spokesmen. How do you match these two realities?
- Speaking of different rules to live by, a kingdom relationship is in stark contrast to the way we 'normally' treat each other. Apply Jesus' words about anger in Matthew 5:21-26 in a marriage or dating relationship. Why do you think Jesus addresses anger before lust driven adultery, then divorce? What is the correlation (or progression)?
- Jesus prays, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done..." Honestly, when it comes to a Kingdom and a Will, who is King: You or the Heavenly Father? Ask yourself with sober judgment, "Am I the subject (noun) of my life or is my life subject (verb) to the King?"
- This is truth with God as King: You are forgiven and brought into the Kingdom of the Son He loves (Colossians 1:13-14). You are His child (John 1:12). God's Kingdom power is within you (Luke 17:21). How does knowing the presence of God is with you impact how you can address the joys and challenges in your marriage or love life? It is exciting and empowering to learn to pray, "Lord, you are with me right now. How would you treat my spouse (partner, child, employee, boss, money, emotion...) if you were me?"

PRAYER:

With God's full kingdom resources at your disposal, finish this prayer, "Lord, with my special loved one (spouse, boy/girlfriend), apply your Kingdom power to..." Consider sharing this with a fellow believer or group for prayer support.

PRACTICE:

Here's a very practical tool to unleash the power of the King's Law of Love in your life, marriage, family and business. Ask yourself and those around you this one simple, clarifying question: "What are seven ways I feel valued?" (If you are a manager or business owner, try this as an employee development practice.) Consider one item per week to "Hear and Do" what you now know to be true. Evaluate the relationship in eight weeks. (Possibly not all "values" are within your reach or level of relationship with the specific person.)



MEMORY VERSE:

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14