

LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

BIG IDEA: Everything in our lives should center in and revolve around the King and His kingdom.

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, and Sunday, April 19, 2026

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:31-33; Revelation 5:9-10; Matthew 24:14

CONNECT

What are the first things you do each morning? Why are these things first? What happens to your day if you leave one of these things out?

The truth is, what we seek first in our lives – whether it is our happiness, our children’s happiness, our success, our image – changes the trajectory of our days and of our lives. Today we are going to see God calls us to seek first His kingdom.

WATCH THE VIDEO

What stood out to you from today’s teaching video?

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:31-33 (CSB)

³¹ So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Revelation 5:9-10 (CSB)

⁹ And they [the four living beings and the twenty-four elders] sang a new song with these words: “You (the Lamb) are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You made them a Kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

Matthew 24:14 (CSB)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

DISCUSSION

DEFINE THE KINGDOM

In the teaching video, Vance Pitman defines it as *“God’s sovereign activity in the world resulting in people being in right relationship with Himself.”* What does it mean to be a part of God’s Kingdom?

READ Matthew 6:31-33

What is the result of seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness?

Does everything in your life center in and revolve around the King and His kingdom? Why or why not? What obstacles or distractions shift your focus away from God’s kingdom?

THREE PRACTICAL REALITIES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom is Believers

Read Revelation 5:9-10

The kingdom can reign and rule on earth through God’s people.

The Kingdom is Big

As seen in Revelation it is every tribe, language, people and nation.

How would you distinguish between your local church and God’s broader kingdom? What’s the difference?

We can get tunnel vision and judge the success of His kingdom based on what’s happening in our local church - the rise and fall of worship attendance, LifeGroup commitment, baptisms, etc. Do you ever stop to notice what is happening globally? Where have you seen God move in Jacksonville, at college campuses, or in other states or countries that you can praise God for?

The Kingdom is Being Built

Read Matthew 24:14

We are all called to be builders of His kingdom. What happens when the gospel reaches the whole world?

Think about your family, neighborhood, job, and hobbies. What’s one step you can take each day to intentionally seek first the kingdom – something you’re currently not doing? We are all called to prioritize His mission where we live, work, and play.

PRAYER RESPONSE

When we seek God in prayer, He moves in power. Identify and celebrate how God is moving in the world. Pray Matthew 6:33 over your group: *“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”* Pray that we would seek His kingdom as we go about our week; that God would help us pursue righteousness; and He would guide us to center our lives in and around His kingdom. What a privilege it is to join Him in building it!