



Week 3: My Kingdom Come?



sermon follow-up guide

GET GOING!

• What's on Your Shirt?

“Imagine that you are wearing a t-shirt or sweat shirt that has writing on it. The words reflect your attitude about life and money. What does your shirt say? Think about it a few minutes and then we'll go around and share. (examples: Changes in attitudes, changes in latitudes; easy come-easy go; Don't worry-be happy)

GET PERSONAL.

1. How has your attitude towards money and finances changed as a result of this series? Have you made any adjustments in how you spend or manage what God has given you to manage?
2. This week we looked at the idea of tithing. How would you define what it means to tithe? What did you think about the video of God not getting a piece of the pie? What does this have in common with tithing?

WHAT'S NEXT?

Read Genesis 4:2-4

3. What do you think the difference was between Cain's offering and his brother Abel's? Why do you think it's so easy to want to give God the leftovers rather than our best? Share some examples of how we treat God as Cain did?
4. Mark said, “You cannot love without giving.” Do you agree or disagree with his statement? How does giving or tithing to God reveal our love for Him?
5. Why do we need to make giving a priority rather than an afterthought?

Read Malachi 3:7-10

6. Have you ever considered that not giving God what He asks for is like robbery? Why do you think that God asks us to give a portion of our income back to Him?
7. What is God's promise to us if we don't hold back, but go all in with our giving? How have you experienced this personally?

I am second.

It's easy to think that this life and all of our stuff is about us. However, we're not supposed to live and act like it's our kingdom come, our will be done. This life is about serving God and honoring Him by the way we live our lives!

Read Matthew 6:25-33

8. How can trusting God and not letting ourselves become consumed with the stuff of this world help remind us that this life is not all about us?
9. As we tithe and give back to God, how does that give us opportunity to watch Him care for us? What are some examples Jesus shares from nature that remind us that God will meet our needs?
10. What does it mean to seek God's kingdom before our own? How can giving back to God keep us from living like an economic atheist?

PRAY.

Thank God that He so loved the world that He gave Jesus to restore our broken relationship with Himself. Ask God to specifically show you how to be more generous with what He has given you to manage. Pray for guidance and wisdom as you consider beginning to tithe or increasing your giving.

DON'T FORGET.

Encourage your group members to check out these passages during the week to keep the learning going and their relationship with God growing.

1 Kings 17:7-16, Philippians 4:10-20, Nehemiah 10:31-39, Malachi 1:6-9, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

For further application, use the App Notes which are posted each day on our Facebook Page. If you've missed this week's message, you can watch online at parkerhill.org