



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Kingdom Rules”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. The chief virtue of Christ’s Kingdom is Love.
2. When Christ rules as King in your life, the rules of His kingdom change the way you live.
3. The subject and citizen of Christ and His kingdom trusts Him to deliver perfect justice in His own way and timing.

Key Verse:

“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.”

— Luke 6:35

Discussion Questions:

1. Kingdom Citizenship and Counter-Culture Living

Questions: Jesus teaches that as citizens of His kingdom, we are called to live by a different value system than the culture around us. What are some examples today where “Kingdom rules” clearly conflict with cultural norms? How can we live faithfully in that tension?

Further Reading: Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 3:20-21

2. Loving the Unlovable

Questions: Jesus commands us to “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you.” Why do you think He made this command central to Kingdom life? What does it look like practically to “will the good” (as Thomas Aquinas defined love) toward someone who has hurt or opposed you?

Further Reading: Matthew 5:43-48; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

3. Justice, Mercy, and Vengeance

Questions: Pastor Miles pointed out that our natural desire for justice reflects God's image in us—but that taking vengeance into our own hands is not our place. How do we hold together a right hunger for justice with Jesus' call to forgiveness and mercy?

Further Reading: Romans 12:17-21; Micah 6:8

4. Living in the Tension of Two Kingdoms

Questions: We live “between the already and the not yet”—already belonging to Christ's kingdom but still living under earthly governments. How should that reality shape the way Christians respond to political or social conflict?

Further Reading: Romans 13:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-17

5. The Example of Christ

Questions: Pastor Miles reminded us that Jesus is the ultimate model of loving one's enemies—praying “Father, forgive them” from the cross. In your own relationships, where might God be inviting you to imitate Jesus' example of grace? What would obedience look like this week?

Further Reading: Luke 23:33-34; Ephesians 4:31-32

6. Evidence of a Transformed Heart

Question: Jesus said that when we love our enemies, we “shall be children of our Father in heaven.” How does extending mercy and forgiveness show that we truly belong to God? In what ways can our small group encourage one another to live out that identity daily?

Further Reading: Galatians 5:22-25; 1 John 4:7-12

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.