

Digging Deeper During the Week!

To discover God's purpose your life-purpose and how to live it to the fullest, please read the Bible passage and answer the questions provided below. *God wants to show you so much, all you have to do is participate!*

Monday The Kingdom is at Hand!

7-Jan Matthew 3.1-12

Today's text deals with the beginnings of the New Testament message of God's Kingdom. John the Baptizer is speaking. As he speaks, answer these questions about how his words would apply to you and your current life situation ...

- "Repent" means to change one's thinking (2). What thinking will you have to change because God's Kingdom is here?
- What fruits would you have to bear in your life since God's Kingdom is here (8)?

Tuesday The Kingdom is at Hand! (2)

8-Jan Matthew 4.12-25

Today's text explains that Jesus taught the same message as John the Baptizer did when he announced God's Kingdom.

- When the Kingdom of God comes, Jesus calls us to follow Him "and I will make you fishers of men (19)." If you were to follow Jesus and begin to 'fish for people' to come to faith in Christ, who do you think would be on your list?
- When James and John accepted Jesus' request to follow him, what did they do, exactly (21-22)? What would this mean in your life if you were to do the same?

Wednesday Preaching the Kingdom of God!

9-Jan Luke 4.40-44

Today's text reveals that the Kingdom of God is powerful and transcends our earthly conditions.

- When Jesus announces the Kingdom of God, we notice it is superior to diseases (40) and even demons (41)! If God's Kingdom were to invade your neighborhood, what would you like to see it conquer? Why?

- As Jesus found people receptive to His message, He also was mindful of His mission (42-44). What was His mission, according to His words? What would happen if you took on the mission of Jesus in your life? What would change? Why?

Thursday Seeing the Kingdom of God!

10-Jan John 3.1-21

In today's text, Jesus has a late-night meeting with the most influential teacher in Israel. As they talk, Jesus boils the entire message of God down to the issue of relationship with God.

- Since entrance into the Kingdom of God requires being born again (3), can you say for sure that you are a member of the family of God? How do you know that?
- The Kingdom of God is the exact opposite of the Kingdom of this World or the Kingdom of Satan. In those kingdoms, the mode of operation is **condemnation**. In God's Kingdom the mode of operation is **forgiveness**. What type of person are you? How does this reflect the Kingdom you claim to represent?

Friday Receiving the Kingdom of God!

11-Jan Matthew 20.1-16

In this story of illustration, Jesus is explaining what we will receive in response to Jesus' message of forgiveness in God's Kingdom.

- Are you surprised that those who were in the Kingdom for a longer time received the same as those who came in at the last moment?
- What does this say about the goodness of God? What does our reaction say about our own character and God's standards?

Saturday Serving the Kingdom of God!

12-Jan Romans 14.16-19

In today's text we discover the elements of a life lived in service to the King, Jesus in the Kingdom of God.

- There are three elements to a life lived in service to the King of kings ... what are they?
- If these elements are having a primal place in our lives, what would our lives look like to others – to those who follow Jesus? And to those who do not?