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The Purpose to Do Something August 14, 2022

Monthly Discipleship Focus for August Humbly embraces a kingdom mindset

This 4-week series dreams about ways we can bring hope to the surrounding community... and then do something about it! In Part 2, Pastor Miles explains the differences between God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom, and discusses our purpose in God's kingdom.

Based on the <u>broadcast message</u>, review the following statements and questions below, then briefly respond accordingly within your group:

- God and Satan have KINGDOMS (Matthew 6:33, Matthew 12:26). If you want purpose, seek God's rule in your life. Briefly share something specific you know happened only because of God (job, relationship, place to live, and more).
- God and Satan's kingdoms are in OPPOSITION to each other (Matthew 16:23). In regards to opposition in your life, share an instance where a "yes" decision meant a "no" somewhere else.
- God's kingdom is about TRUTH; Satan's kingdom is about DECEPTION (Romans 14:16-17, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15). The devil is most affective in subtle ways, enticing you through television shows, music, and more. Think about a decision you made in the past that was totally destructive would you make a different decision today if you had the chance?
- Kingdom membership is known by OBEDIENCE to the kingdom's king (Matthew 7:21, John 8:42-44). Today, pray about that one thing God is calling you to do to honor Him, regardless of the outcome (spend more time in prayer, say sorry to someone, tithe/give, serve somewhere).
- God's kingdom brings FREEDOM while Satan's causes BONDAGE (Luke 13:16). Satan has bound you up, but Jesus sets you free. What is one thing in your life that brings you a sense of freedom today and what is one thing you feel you may still be in bondage to?
- God's kingdom is ETERNAL and Satan's kingdom is TEMPORARY (Revelation 11:15). Name something in your life you thought would always last, but ended up being short-lived.
- Kingdom membership requires NEW BIRTH (John 3:3). Invite the Holy Spirit into your life and give Him Lordship. Have you shared with others who knew the "old" you, the good news of Jesus Christ and how He has transformed your life into a "new" you? If no, why?

August Memory Verse – Acts 11:26 (NKJV)

And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

This Week's Bible Readings & Bible Project Videos

Hosea 1-14: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/hosea/</u> Joel 1-3: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/joel/</u>

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