

THE KINGDOM

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Sermon Discussion Guide

October 16th, 2022

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: God calls us to bear the cross so that we might bear fruit in His Kingdom.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What is your experience in life with growing things – plants, vegetables, pets, kids, etc.?
2. Think about your morning routine. If you had to give up one part of that routine, what would you stop doing?

Transition / Open in prayer:

3. Tell us about a time in your life when you were praying hard for someone else. Why were you praying for them?

Life Examination:

READ Colossians 1:1-18

4. What is it about the church in Colossi that impresses Paul?
5. What is the fruit of the gospel (verse 6)? What does it look like and what does it feel like?
6. Paul states many things they are praying for the followers of Jesus in Colossi in verses 9-14. List what they are praying for. Why are they praying these things for them?
7. What makes Jesus supreme, from Paul's perspective?

READ Jeremiah 23:1-8

8. Who are the shepherds Jeremiah is writing about?
9. How have these shepherds not carried for the sheep, the people of Israel?
10. What will the new Shepherd, the King, do to change the story for the people of Israel?
11. What is the significance of the new story Jeremiah mentions in verses 7-8?

Life Application:

12. What kinds of things do people grow in their lives? What do you notice growing in your life these days?
13. Why does God choose to work through people to bring good news instead of just taking care of it Himself?
14. Just to be clear, who is the Shepherd and the King that Jeremiah is writing about in chapter 23? How do you know?
15. What is the new story of deliverance in your life that shows the movement of God's Kingdom? (story of deliverance = a story of hope, change, faith that illustrates God's work in your life)
16. What are you having a hard time trusting God with these days?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God for power to surrender your lives to Jesus.