

KINGDOM IMPACT

“The Establishment of God’s Kingdom”

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Adapted from “*Experiencing God*” by Henry Blackaby

John 5:19-20 (ESV)

NOW THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED...

1. God **is at work** in the world to extend his kingdom.
2. God **reveals his work** to me, so I am to watch to see what he is doing.
3. God **invites me to join him** in the work that I see him already doing.

“Spirit of God: The Presence of the Kingdom”

(KI Devotional – Day 6 – By David Park)

“Laws. Rules. Lofty ideals. While talking about the “shoulds” of life may galvanize us for a time, without the power to do them, however, we often end up being more frustrated and ultimately disillusioned into apathy. I’m so thankful that the “Good News” of the Kingdom does not only highlight the highest ideals for which God created humanity, but also grants the Gift of His real Presence through His Spirit.”

“Through His Spirit, we can bear the fruit of the Spirit - of radical love, joy, peace... (Gal. 5:22-23), have authority over the demonic kingdom (Matt. 12:28), have strength to endure in the midst of suffering and persecution (1 Thess. 1:6), have the power of resurrection life in us (Rom. 8:11), heal the sick and work miracles (1 Cor. 12:28), know the will of God (Rom. 8:27), worship (Eph. 5:18-19), and so much more. God doesn’t just give us a written map. He comes to us as a very present Guide. And the Spirit of God is not for a few select individuals. All who gladly take refuge in the Kingship of Jesus receive the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they can be transformed from within.”

CENTRAL TRUTH:

God is at work to extend his kingdom, so I am to join him in the work that I see him already doing.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 5:19-20. Jesus says that he does what he sees the Father already doing. What work of God do you see him doing to extend his kingdom in your family...at your work...in your community...at our church...in the life of a friend?
2. When Jesus saw what the Father was doing, he immediately joined God at his work. Do you sense that God is inviting you to join him in his work? If so, how will you respond? What might cause you to hesitate, delay, or reject the invitation?
3. Share one insight from this week’s Kingdom Impact devotional that was most personally significant to you. Why was it meaningful for you? How did you respond to God?
4. Look at Guide 5 in the back of the Kingdom Impact devotional. Discuss and share your responses to “Set 2: in the middle.”

CHURCH PRAYER TOPICS

1. Praise for the lives that God has already changed through Kingdom Impact.
2. Prayer for KI Special Projects (for safety; for the people in the communities around our church to experience the love of Jesus through us; for inside-out transformation of the participants)
3. For planning of the new off-site worship venue to go according to God’s will.
4. For the elders of YNCC and their families: Tallis Chang, John Hong, Michael Hong, Ken Chong, Kyung Ho Hong, David Park, Peter Kim, Jason Kim.