

SERMON SERIES: For Everyone

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Sermon Title

“God’s Kingdom is Bigger Than Our Church”

Introduction

This week, we finished our series called “For Everyone”. In this series, we have been focusing on the different values of Calvary, rooted in Scripture, that are essential for us to continue in the work of our mission: To Make Disciples Who Live and Love Like Jesus. This value that we are going to talk about this week, one that we embrace here, is **“God’s Kingdom is Bigger Than Our Church”**. We have been called and equipped to bring Kingdom Impact to more than just our church. The message of the Gospel, and the power of the Kingdom, is not meant for just a select few in our “huddle”, but for all people. Our responsibility as a church body is to look outside of our walls for ways that God is calling us to have an impact, and respond faithfully. To get started this week, answer this icebreaker question with your group:

- What is one small act of kindness or service you’ve been given that made a significant impact on your life?

Seek the Word

Read Genesis 12:1-3 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- How does God’s promise to Abraham reflect His heart for all nations?
- How does this shape our understanding of God’s mission?

Read Jonah 3 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- Reflecting on the whole story of Jonah, what does it teach us about God’s grace and His desire for all people to repent and turn to Him?
- What parts of Jonah’s first and second responses to God’s call for him reflect parts of your own story, and how you feel about God’s desire for all people?

Read Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:1-8 aloud, then answer the questions below:

- What do you see as your role in the response to the command “go and make disciples of all nations”?
- What does it mean for you to be a witness to “the ends of the earth”?

Go Deeper

Consider your own life and relationships. Are there “Ninevehs” that you do not want to go to? Are there people that you find difficult to love and connect with? Share with the group why you may struggle to witness to those people and places, as well as consider ways in which God might be calling you to transform your perspective to become more like His.

Talk About It

- How can you start/continue to be a witness for Christ in your immediate “Jerusalem” (your home and neighborhood)?
- What are some practical ways that you can support the next generation of churches and church leaders, both locally and globally?
- How can you actively participate in the mission of the church to reach out to at-risk kids and teens?
- What could change in your communities if you focused on engaging in compassion projects on a more routine basis?

Wrap Up

Reminder: **God’s Kingdom is Bigger Than Our Church.** There is more that God has called us to than what is in our walls, and more people to reach than those who come to church with us on a Sunday. Jesus Christ made the sacrifice for all people, and has commanded us to be a witness and disciple-maker to all people in all places. If we truly are For Everyone, then we need to go and pursue the “ones” who are in every place. That is how we as a church live out our values and pursue a true Kingdom Impact.

Challenge for the Week: Identify one person in your life who does not know Jesus and pray for them daily. Reach out to them and let them know you are praying for them, and invite them to Stations of the Cross and/or an Easter Service.

Prayer: Close your group time by praying for a heart that aligns with God’s mission. Ask God to give you boldness to share His love with others and to open doors for meaningful conversations about faith. Pray for the specific people and communities God has placed on your heart during this discussion.