

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 6, 2016

This Week's Focus: As permanent citizens of the eternal Kingdom of God, we live with kingdom-mindedness as we declare and demonstrate to the world the glory of our God and the reality of King Jesus' sovereign reign over all the nations.

This Week's Text: John 12:34-43

"The deepest reason why we live for the glory of God is because God lives for the glory of God. We are passionate about God's glory because God is passionate about God's glory." **John Piper**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What is the Kingdom of God? Where do we first get a glimpse into the Kingdom of God in Scripture? What are some of its characteristics? What happened in Eden that fractured the Kingdom of God on earth?
- With whose coming was the Kingdom of God reestablished on earth? Reference Mark 1:15. Discuss the tension between living as citizens of God's kingdom presently established on earth and awaiting the final consummation of the Kingdom when Christ returns ("already and not yet"). Reference Colossians 1:13, Romans 14:17, and 2 Peter 1:11.
- Discuss the following implications of living as citizens of the Kingdom of God especially considering the contentious Presidential Election and its possible results.
 - *Because the Kingdom is not yet consummated, our hope is in the world to come* (John 12:31, Matthew 25:30-31). Explain the difference between enjoying and celebrating God's beautiful created order, and hating worldliness. Reference 1 John 2:15 and Psalm 19:1.
 - *Because the Kingdom has dawned, we can display its beauty.* Discuss ways that the church can demonstrate Jesus' Kingship and the good news of his gospel. Reference 1 Peter 2:4-6, 11-12.

- *Because Jesus is our King, we rest in his sovereign rule.* Despite turbulence who is in control of the world and its leaders? Reference Matthew 28:18, Daniel 2:20-21 . Are you resting in the reality of God's undeterred control over the world, including the United States government?
- *Because our King gave a commission, we have work to do .* What is the unchanging commission that God has given the church? Matthew 28:18-20, John 17:18). In these troubling times Are you meditating on the gospel daily for your source of hope, encouragement, and motivation to live on mission for great and glorious King Jesus?
- Take time to pray for our nation, our local and national leaders, and that God will use the church in the United States to continue the mission of exalting Jesus and advancing his kingdom for his glory and our joy.
- In the coming weeks, months, and years following this election what are some ways we can together engage culture for the cause of the gospel?