

Priority: Kingdom

March 8, 2020

Reading/discussion

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- What resonated with you the most from this sermon? Explain.
- Which day from the daily work resonated with you most? Why? Which day challenged you most? Why?
- What is your understanding of “kingdom?” Given Dan’s teaching to begin the message, how would you define the kingdom of God in your own words?
- Where do you personally want to see God’s kingdom come in our city as it is in heaven? Share some practical, tangible ideas, hopes and dreams.
- Dan said if we want to see God’s kingdom come, we have to have faith and commitment. How difficult is it for you to have faith in God’s ability to transform lives and our city? Explain your answer.
- God didn’t just give the Israelites the promised land; they had to be committed and willing to fight for it. How is God calling you to be committed to establishing his kingdom in our city?
- The two and a half tribes that were already settled and established east of the promised land fought hard to ensure that their brothers and sisters received their inheritance, as well. How will you ensure that you stay committed, eager, and focused on establishing God’s kingdom in other people’s lives, even after you are comfortable and firmly established?
- What stood out to you and inspired you about Jake Stamper’s story?
- C.S. Lewis said that something as simple as a game of cards can be used to derail us from our mission of advancing God’s kingdom. How will you fight against distractions and consistently serve people in Jesus’ name?
- What is the connection between being “for the kingdom” and “for the 317”?
- How does this sermon or daily work challenge you to live differently?

Encouragement:

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?

- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

Accountability:

At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned about loving God this week?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?

Looking ahead:

On Sunday, April 19, we're canceling regular services at The Creek to get out into our community and love our neighbors in a tangible way. As a part of **Serve Day**, we're praying 2000 people will take on practical projects, and hopefully through these acts of service, people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.

Our hope is that life groups will choose to participate in Serve Day through DIY projects, so they are able to invest in relationships they've already established.

Be sure to check out thecreek.org/serveday for more information and ideas. Starting now, begin **talking** and **praying** with your group about how you might be able to engage in The Creek's very first Serve Day.