

Kingdom Citizens are Dependent on God

SUMMARY:

We live in a time of political division, but as Christ-followers we can be beacons of hope pointing to our true citizenship in heaven that has been given to us in Jesus. In this Sunday's message Pastor Derwin shared that Jesus has given us a new eternal passport to God's Kingdom and that our Kingdom Manifesto can be found in Matthew 5:3-12. As Kingdom citizens we can depend on God Himself, God's purposes, God's power, and God's mission as His ambassadors.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 5:3.

- To be "poor in spirit" means to depend on God. In what ways do we sometimes depend on other people or things rather than on God?
- What is a negative result of not depending on God?

Read Ephesians 9:1-11.

- What is God's purpose according to these verses?
- What is the inheritance we have received?
- How does God's eternal purpose translate to your personal purpose? In what ways are you living out God's purpose in your everyday life?

Read Romans 1:16.

- God's power brings salvation to all people. Does anything about that statement make you feel uncomfortable? If so, why?
- How can we be welcoming to all people knowing that God has the power to save all?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 18-21.

• What is God's mission?

- What is an ambassador?
- What is the message we share as God's ambassadors? (verse 20)
- Reconciliation is the act of two parties being restored to one another. We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Knowing that we are already reconciled, how do we live out that reconciliation?
- Is there a relationship in your life that needs to be restored? Pray to God and depend on Him to bring about that reconciliation. Ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities to walk out that reconciliation that has been gifted to us in Jesus.

SOUL TATTOO: Depend on God.

ACTION STEP: Taste and see that the Lord is good.