



**KINGDOM CITIZENS**  
EMBODYING THE CHARACTER OF GOD IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

## **Kingdom Citizens are Mournful**

### **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 Kingdom citizens can remain calm in chaos, unified in division, and loved in hate. Kingdom citizens who mourn are blessed and will be comforted. We mourn our personal sin, the sins of the Church, and the sins of our country and world. We are comforted by God.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Read Matthew 5:1;4

- How does Jesus respond to a crowd?
- How do you tend to act when you're in a crowd?
- What does Jesus say will happen to those who mourn? Why would that be?

Read Psalm 51:1-12.

- What are some ways the author of this Psalm mourns his own sin?
- What happens when we mourn our sin?
- What does God do with those who confess their sin? (See 1 John 1:9)

Read Matthew 6:21; 24.

- In what ways have you seen the Church have misplaced desires?
- What might be a good way to mourn the actions of a larger group of which you are a part?
- What role can you play in bringing wholeness?
- Thinking about our country or our world, the list of things to mourn can be overwhelming. For now, share one specific thing you are mourning with another person. How might God bring comfort?

Read Isaiah 61:1-4.

- Who are these verses about?
- What actions are being promised? How does that bring comfort?
- How do Kingdom Citizens participate in the comforting work of God?
- Contemporary politics sometimes overpromises solutions. Is there an issue Isaiah describes in these verses that you feel led to pray for in the coming days?
- What do you need to mourn in our current political climate?
- How is God comforting you as a Kingdom Citizen?

**SOUL TATTOO: Mourn and be comforted by Jesus.**

**ACTION STEP: Grow in your faith by participating in our disciple-making culture.**