



Notes | August 4th, 2024

## As it is in Heaven – How does a follower of Jesus live wisely?

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We are in a complex season as a country, marked by division and political segmentation. By focusing on the Kingdom of God, which Jesus emphasized throughout His ministry we can take steps to live wisely. Jesus proclaimed the nearness of God’s Kingdom, gave us authority to make disciples, and taught us to pray for its coming on earth as it is in heaven. Our responsibility is to commit to living out a Kingdom perspective in every aspect of our lives—relationships, careers, finances, and more—living to reflect Heaven’s reality here on earth.

### Key Scripture | Daniel 1:1-4

Mark 1:14-15 “After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come’, he said. ‘The Kingdom of God has come near.’ Repent and believe the good news!”

Additional verses: Luke 4:43, Mathew 28:18-19, Revelation 19:16, Matthew 6:9-10, Philipians 2:9-11, Acts 5:29, Corinthians 4:4, Corinthians 1:12-14, Matthew 6:33, John 18:36

### Icebreakers:

Q: How does the back-to-school season impact you? Are you a parent, student, teacher?



## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

### I. Every Kingdom has a King.

Q: How do you personally define who or what is king in your life?

Q: What are some examples of values that are promoted by this world?

Q: How does acknowledging Jesus as King change our perspective or our priorities?

### II. Every Kingdom has a culture.

Q: What does Jesus mean when he says in John 18:36 “my kingdom is not of this world?”

Q: Share an example of a situation where you had to choose between responding according to the world’s culture or God’s kingdom culture. What was that experience like for you?

Q: How does the “dumpster fire” metaphor resonate with you? And in what ways can we offer hope and point people to Jesus, even during chaos?

### III. Every Kingdom has a calendar.

Q: What types of events go on your calendar? How do you decide?

Q: How does the idea that “until something affects your calendar, it hasn’t affected your heart” resonate with you?

Q: What are some specific changes you can make to your calendar this fall to ensure you are living out the values of God’s Kingdom?

## Get Practical

Our calendars reveal our true priorities. Take time this week to review your calendar. Are there any areas where you feel like you need to make a change? Sit down with your spouse, people in your family or a good friend and discuss what those changes might look like. Using the calendar magnet, pick the gatherings or events that will help align your schedule with kingdom values and write them on your personal calendar. Pray for God’s help to seek first his Kingdom and for the ability to walk wisely this Fall!