

Bible Study: *Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth*
Chapter 2: The Primary Concern
Part 1

1. As kingdom disciples, His people are to make His kingdom so attractive that observers not only admire them, but are drawn to the kingdom because of how impressive we look and live as its official representatives. This is why the primary concern of disciples of Jesus Christ must be the _____ of God's kingdom.

- A. Neglect
- B. Decline
- C. Prioritization
- D. Power

2. A kingdom disciple is a believer who takes part in the spiritual development process of _____ learning to live all of life under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

- A. Priority
- B. Proactively
- C. Persistently
- D. Progressively

3. To be a kingdom disciple is to learn to comprehensively _____ yourself to the rule of God in every area of your life.

4. The rule, authority, and provisions of heaven cannot be fully experienced when God's kingdom standards are made the top priority of His disciples.

- A. True
- B. False

5. To experience life to its fullest and to accomplish and experience all that God has created you to do, God and His kingdom must be _____.

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Last

6. How do we “seek first His kingdom” in everyday, practical terms?

7. What would change about the way you make decisions if seeing first the kingdom and God’s righteousness became the primary concern of your life?

8. What priority do you give God in your finances? (Proverbs 3:9)

9. According to Revelation 2:4, what did Jesus say the church had done? What causes us to consider other loves more valuable than Jesus?

10. According to Colossians 1:18, Christ is to have what place over what?

- A. Nothing
- B. Everything
- C. Something
- D. Anything

11. Putting God “first” in your life is more than a mere _____ it is also the _____ in our lives of His authority (kingdom) and His divine standards (righteousness).

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Part 2

1. When a struggle or challenge arises, where's the first place you look for help (i.e. people, desires, God, etc.)? What does this choice communicate about your dependence on God?

2. What do we miss in our relationship with the Lord when we try to solve our problems without consulting Him?
 - A. Hearing from God
 - B. Experiencing His abiding presence
 - C. Victory in our lives
 - D. All of the Above

3. Why is it important to trust God first with your struggles and challenges?

4. If we will seek His kingdom first and His righteous standards first, He will willingly grant you all of the things that often make themselves the focus of your worry.
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. List some of the subjects or circumstances you regularly worry about.

6. In what way can putting God first in your priorities, thoughts, and actions reduce your worry about these things?

7. According to I Peter 5:6-11, what four (4) things will God do for you when you replace worry and anxiety with confidence in Him?

8. According to Matthew 22:37, in what ways are we supposed to love God? How are those forms of love evident in your life?

9. According to Psalm 55:22; Psalm 56:3; Proverbs 3:5-6; and Philippians 4:6-7, describe the connections among trust, surrender, and worry.

10. In living as a kingdom disciple, if you fail to seek God's kingdom first, all else is for naught, simply because He has established His rightful place of authority as first, and without it, you are on your own.

- A. True
- B. False

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1. The way that you express priority is through surrender and _____ to God.

- A. Rebellion
- B. Disobedience
- C. Commitment
- D. Worship

2. The problem with many Christians is that they have trusted Jesus for their salvation, but they have not yet made a decision to become a _____?

- A. Leader
- B. Tither
- C. Pastor
- D. Disciple

3. What is the difference between a “decision maker” and a “follower”?

4. Throughout Scripture, why did God first require a sacrifice from His people before He did something really big for them?

5. What is true worship as outlined in Romans 12:2?

6. What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”?

7. How often are we called to be a living sacrifice or crucified with Christ throughout the day, week, month, or year?

8. Living as a kingdom disciple doesn't have to take place twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It's not a mindset and a lifestyle, but merely a hobby or a habit you engage in from time to time.

- A. True
- B. False

9. This week is all about priorities. Make a list of your priorities for this week in the space below.

10. How can you place God first while you're accomplishing these priorities?

11. Do any of these priorities need to change in light of tonight's study? If so, why?

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1. As we seek to put God first in our commitment and priorities, we must ensure that our actions are rooted in relationship rather than rules.

- A. True
- B. False

2. Whenever religious activity, however sincere, trumps relationship, the victory of Christ is no longer experienced in the believer's life.

- A. True
- B. False

3. What is religion?

- A. External adherence to exercises
- B. External adherence to codes or practices in the name of God yet apart from God
- C. Anything you do for God that does not seem out of a heart connected to God
- D. All of the above

4. How do some "religious" Christians miss the priority of the kingdom?

5. According to Matthew 23:27, what issue caused Jesus to condemn the Pharisee's practice of religion?

6. External observances—the rules of religion—can actually get in the way of a relationship. When you are motivated by relationship, surrender comes naturally.

- A. True
- B. False

7. God wants to be first in your life as your _____, but He wants His relationship with you to be the motivating factor for you as His kingdom disciple.

8. God doesn't want you serving Him only because you are supposed to; He wants you serving Him because you _____ Him.

- A. Love
- B. Hate
- C. Miss
- D. Like

9. God wants your morality, prayer life, dedication to Him, and all else to be founded on your desire to _____ relationship with Him rather than on religious duty.

10. Instead of being defined by what you do, He does not want you to be defined by who you. Know and who you represent—Jesus Christ.

- A. True
- B. False

11. Your race, class, culture, economic status, and political affiliation must all be _____ to your relationship with the Lord.

- A. Primary
- B. Secondary
- C. Tertiary
- D. None of the above

12. Let God rule over _____ aspect of your life. Remember the one thanks God can't do is be second.

- A. Some
- B. Many
- C. Most
- D. Every