

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

DAY 18 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Living by Kingdom Principles

John 18:28-38

Reflection: Jesus' kingdom is "not of this world," for it contrasts with the kingdom of the world in every possible way. This is not a simple contrast between good and evil. The contrast is rather between two fundamentally different ways of doing life, two fundamentally different mindsets and belief systems, two fundamentally different loyalties.

The kingdom revolves around Jesus. The world revolves around man. In the kingdom, man can do supernatural things through the power of God. In the world, man can only do natural things through the power of man. In the kingdom, God supplies the needs of His people. In the world, man supplies his own needs. In the kingdom, God meets man at the job site with all the necessary supplies. In the world, man must have all the necessary supplies rounded up before going to the job site.

The kingdom of God looks and acts like Jesus Christ, like Calvary, like God's eternal, triune love. It consists of people graciously embracing others and sacrificing themselves in service to others. It consists of people trusting and employing "power under" rather than "power over," even when they, like Jesus, suffer because of this. It consists of people imitating the Savior who died for them and for all people. It consists of people submitting to God's rule and doing His will. By definition, this is the domain in which God is king.

PRAYER FOCUS:

1. Thank God because you are in a kingdom that is not of this world, which cannot be shaken and will not pass away. John 18:36

2. Ask God's kingdom to come and ask God to reign as Lord over every part of your life.

3. Ask God to bring everything in your life under His rule and to bring to mind areas that need to be transformed by His grace.

4. Pray that God would align your desires with His, so that you will love what He loves and will live the way He wants.

5. Pray that God would shape our thoughts and emotions to reflect His character and point to His kingdom. Pray that you will be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

6. Pray that you will build the kingdom of God in your personal life, by being an ambassador for Christ representing Him by being a holy example to your friends, families etc.

7. Pray that you will build the kingdom of God at your job; that your co-workers and supervisors would be able to see Christ in you! You will be a shining example of Christ at work and stand out from the rest of the crowd.

8. Pray that you will build the kingdom of God in your community by meeting the needs of people and shining the light of Jesus.