

He's King and He's Good | Doug Wekenman | 11.16-17

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome to the second week of our Kingdom Builders series! Throughout this series, we are learning to understand generosity, sacrifice, and stewardship not as obligations but as acts of worship and participation in God's great mission. At the heart of being a Kingdom Builder is a transformed perspective - one that understands everything belongs to God, including our resources and our time. We are invited to ask ourselves, based on all the ways God has blessed us, "What can I give to build His Kingdom and not mine?"

This week, let's explore the call to generosity and the joy that comes from living in obedience to God's purposes. We are not simply contributors to a cause; we are part of a movement led by the King of the universe.

☐ Begin by going around the group to share one way you saw God move in your life within the past week.

GROW

Read Matthew 4:17

In Matthew 4:17, Jesus begins His ministry by proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." When Jesus speaks of repentance, He is calling us to change our thinking and our actions. Repentance is not just about turning away from sin, but about changing our hearts, our priorities, and our vision for life. It is a radical shift in perspective - one that recognizes that the Kingdom of Heaven is not a distant reality but something that is actively breaking into our world right now.

The Kingdom of God is not about power, wealth, or influence as the world understands them. Instead, it is about God's reign over our lives, where humility, service, and sacrifice define

our participation. Just as Jesus gave His life for the world, He calls us to do the same, to lay down our own desires and take up the mission of advancing His Kingdom. This means surrendering not only our time and energy but also our possessions, recognizing that everything we have belongs to Him. When we give generously, we participate in something far greater than ourselves, the building of God's eternal Kingdom.

What does it mean to "repent" in light of the Kingdom of Heaven being near, and how it should transform our perspective on Kingdom building?
How does the presence of God's Kingdom change the way we view our resources, with
the understanding of how the world tells us how to view them?

MOVE

Read Matthew 6:21

of Heaven?

Jesus taught in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." In this powerful statement, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between our hearts and our resources. Where we invest our time, money, and energy reflects what we truly value. If we prioritize material wealth, success, or comfort, our hearts will be tied to these temporary things. However, if we invest in God's Kingdom, through generosity, service, and obedience - our hearts align with His eternal purposes.

Ш	What are your initial thoughts after reading Matthew 6:21? Where would you say you
	treasure is in the present moment and season?
	What are some practical ways you can shift your priorities to align with the Kingdom

The key to living in God's Kingdom is not about accumulating wealth or possessions, but about seeking God's righteousness and trusting in His provision. Jesus challenges us to examine where we are placing our treasure. Are we clinging to the things of this world, or are we investing in the things that matter for eternity?

As you reflect on your life, consider how your financial choices, time commitments, and priorities align with the values of God's Kingdom. Generosity is a tangible way to demonstrate where our treasure lies and where our heart follows. When we give sacrificially, we are

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□ но	ow does living generously challenge your view of security and success?
us	ow does the concept of "Kingdom Math" challenge your understanding of how God ses generosity to transform lives, both personally and within the broader ommunity?
ju	what ways can we cultivate a heart of generosity that reflects God's Kingdom, not st in our finances, but in our relationships, time, and talents? What practical steps in we take this week to begin living more fully in this way?

demonstrating trust in God's provision and His ability to meet our needs in ways that money

As we close, let's take a moment to share any prayer requests and lift them up together. Let's pray that God would open our hearts to live generously and joyfully. Ask God to help us trust Him with our resources, to live with purpose, and to experience the blessings that come from His Kingdom.

PRAY