

Kingdom

- ADVANCING THE KINGDOM -
September 26, 2021

Matthew 5 - Sermon on the Mount

vs.3 (ESV) "Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

vs.3 (NLT) "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

Matthew 19:16-30 - Story of the Rich Man

vs.21 "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

vs.23-24 "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven..."

One of the greatest obstacles to us entering the Kingdom of God is our reliance on other things...

We must realize our need for Jesus!

Matthew 20 - Parable of the Vineyard Workers

vs.1 "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard..."

vs.15 "Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?"

vs.16 "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

The Kingdom does not measure our lives the same way we do!
Join His Work TODAY!

How have we let reliance on other things keep us from fully entering into His Kingdom?

How has Jesus been kind to you, even when it didn't make sense?

READ WITH US **Never too late to start!** We are reading through the New Testament. Join us in the Bible App or pick up a schedule.

MEMORIZE TOGETHER **52 Verses over 52 Weeks** This weeks memory verse is **Acts 2:42 NLT**

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

PRAY. GIVE. GO FOR NTC UGANDA **Kayla is working in Gulu!** What part will you play in our efforts in Gulu, Uganda as we support Kayla and prepare to establish a church there? Fill out a card in the seat-backs in front of you or see Julie Cardinal for more information.

JOIN A HOUSE CHURCH **on the ChurchCenter App** House Churches, Book Studies, and Focus Groups are kicking off. It is not too late to start a group and gather together weekly or every other week to grow together!

this week...

MARRIAGE MATTERS GOES HIKING **After the service!** Spend the afternoon with other couples! Pack a sack lunch and hike the Stone Valley Trail together in Colton. All are welcome!

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** This week we are starting a Series on Worship! Worship comes from the word worth. We worship what we value, the things we worship are the things we value. What do you value?

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6pm** 5th-7th graders gather biweekly for fun and a message just for them

MEN'S PRAYER **Saturday at 8am** 5Men gather together every week here to pray for each other, our families, our community, and our world.

coming up...

PARTNERSHIP CLASS **November 6th** We invite you to partner with NTC and to play your part in what God is leading us to do together as a church. Learn more about our church and how we do this together.

PARTNER PARTY **November 12th** Save the Date for our annual celebration.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP TO NYC **November 19th-21st** We will be joining New York School of Urban Ministry for their "Operation Drumstick" feeding the homeless a Thanksgiving meal. Inquire through ChurchCenter or our website or see Julie Cardinal.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **November 15th-22nd** Pack a shoe box to bless a child in need. More information coming soon.

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