

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

KINGDOM LIVING

MATTHEW 5:13-20

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

1. What is Jesus calling us to? (vs. 18-20)
2. How is it accomplished? (vs. 17)
3. Why is it important? (vs. 13-16)

Testing Your Kingdom Citizenship:

1. Do you hope to eliminate those who oppose you or see them transformed?
2. Do you favor moral laxity or legalism rather than heart change?
3. Do you spend your days building your own kingdom or helping others to “taste and see” Christ’s kingdom?

Questions:

1. As you read the bold statement by Jesus in Matthew 5:20, what initial feelings do you experience (e.g. doubt, fear, confidence, shame, etc.)? How does the reality of the gospel help us apply this passage to our lives?
2. We ended by considering three questions that help test where our citizenship lies, whether in heaven or on earth. How did you answer those three questions for yourself?
3. Do you tend to see God’s kingdom as something you need to protect and defend or something you need to represent and embody in the world? What might be lost if we focus on protecting and defending rather than representing and embodying?
4. When people interact with you, do they tend to “taste and see” the kingdom which Christ describes in the Sermon on the Mount or a worldly kingdom? What practical ways can you represent Christ’s kingdom in your life this week and moving forward?
5. In what ways are you lacking the righteousness which King Jesus calls his people to? How might you address those shortcomings without slipping into moral laxity or moral legalism?