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Key Scripture : John 17:25-26

Notes

On a day when we have celebrated the diversity of culture within Kings Church Halifax (18 nationalities represented on this day) we focus on our shared kingdom culture and consider how as we have been adopted into a Kingdom family, we might fully adopt the kingdom culture into ourselves.

John 17:25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

So, Jesus came to reveal the Father - in revealing Father God he reveals heavens kingdom culture. As that Heavens culture was introduced in the person of Jesus to transform this world so we should carry heavens culture into our situations to bring transformation.

As a Church our vision is to be welcome God’s presence, take out His power and to live as His people.

PRESENCE

You can be around the presence of God without experiencing it. In the case of the woman with an issue of blood, many people were pressing in around Jesus, but she reached out in faith and experienced His presence and power. Don’t be content to experience an atmosphere of God’s presence but rather engage, be transformed and carry that presence and culture into your daily life. Can you be as aware of God’s presence and purpose when facing your daily challenges as you are in collective worship? Let’s be a people transformed through worship, carrying the presence of God – Living Kingdom Culture in our daily situation.

POWER

Comfortable embracing the concept of God’s presence and being good people of God we however lack authenticity when we; can’t, don’t or won’t function with His power, as He instructed.

Matthew 10:7 proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

What in earthly terms is supernatural, in a kingdom culture is natural, common place and expected. Let’s be a people who see need and take out the power – Living Kingdom Culture in our daily situation.

Personal Response

PEOPLE

Matthew 6 ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness

Let's be right with one and other. As we peruse a Kingdom Culture of love as demonstrated by our Farther, a culture marked by; honour, humility, peace, joy, goodness... we will be - Living Kingdom Culture in our daily situation.

John 17:15-23 ¹⁵ I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

²² The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

What I will MEDITATE on:

What I will ACT on: