

CHRIST THE CENTER
Putting Jesus Christ First

Christ is at the center of the wheel. What happens to the wheel when Christ is removed from the center and the spokes do not have anything in which to attach to?

Read Matthew 6:19-34

Kingdom: From the Greek word *basileia* meaning rule or realm; the idea of a kingdom. *Basileia* is derived from the Greek word *Basileus* with the idea of a foundation.

The Kingdom Agenda

- The visible demonstration of the comprehensive rule of God over every area of life
- God is the absolute Ruler of His domain (all of creation)
- His authority is total
- As ruler of His kingdom, He sets the rules; guidelines that governs the relationship between the ruler and the subjects

Focus on Christ the center of your life

- if you don't get this right, nothing else is going to work
- it's like when you start a mathematical equation and you start off wrong, you will never solve the problem correctly

Seeking God's Kingdom first is submitting to God's authoritative comprehensive rule in every area of your life

Righteousness: From the Greek word *dikaiosyne*, with the idea of being in the state or character of God. Righteousness is the condition acceptable to God.

Using the definitions of kingdom and righteousness, write out Matthew 6:33 in your own words.

Are you seeking God's kingdom first?

Is expanding the rule of God in the world you live in your priority?

Are you seeking to build the characteristic of righteousness in your life?

Can you identify any areas in your life that you have given a higher priority than of God's rule and attaining the characteristic of righteousness in your life?

What is the purpose for Jesus telling you to live for the present day you are living in and not worry about the past to the future?

THE WORD
Living God's Word

Read Psalm 119:1-3

According to these verses there are steps a person takes related to God's word?

What are these steps?

What is the promised result of the person who takes these steps?

Read Psalm 119:9-11

According to verse 9, how can a person keep themselves from sin?

According to verse 10, how does the writer of this Psalm describe how he sought God?

What percentage of your heart do you seek God with?

What is the desire of the writer?

According to verse 11, what is the attitude of the writer of this Psalm?