

MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

John 18.33-38 // October 10, 2021

UNMET EXPECTATIONS

Peter, the High Priests, the crowd, and Pilate all had unmet expectations, and all had their sense of control threatened. Each responded differently, but all responded in a worldly way. Yet Jesus, in the midst of it all, responded by saying, “My Kingdom is not of this world.”

Hebrews 12.28

Though we *know* that our kingdom will be shaken, we also know that we have been given *His* Kingdom that *cannot* be shaken. This alone is our hope as we get tossed and shaken by the violent storms in this life.

A CHOICE TO MAKE

We have a choice. We can fight as the world fights; we can let our emotions carry us, or become self-entitled, or look elsewhere for comfort, or shake our fists at God, or self-medicate, hide, escape, or complain and become bitter. Or we can remind ourselves that His Kingdom is not of this world, and that He came to bring us truth so that we can be His Ambassadors.

2 Corinthians 5.18-20 // Proverbs 19.21

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh
and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not
from the Father but is from the world. And the world is
passing away along with its desires, but whoever
does the will of God abides forever.
- 1 John 2.16,17

THE TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE

1 Thessalonians 4.13

Yes, we grieve. And yes, we fight.
But we do not grieve or fight as those who have no hope,
as those whose hope is in this world.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 18.33-38**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It is natural for us to want to avoid hardship, pain, evil, and challenges. But what Gospel truths do you need Christ to witness to you in order to help you walk in faith and find contentment, trust, and peace when the world around us, and our own kingdoms, are being shaken?

Your Life Mission

We are to grieve and to fight, but not as ones who don't have hope. This world needs to see people who grieve with hope. It needs to see and hear witnesses suffer well and for righteousness sake, and not in the same way as the world does. In what ways can you see God using your hardships and sorrows for His glory and for the joy of those around you, in order to cause you to be a witness of the same truth that Christ came to give you?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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