

Life in the KINGDOM

Part 4: Kingdom Effects -03

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Digging Deeper this week...

BiG iDEa: Jesus invites me to experience the same effects of ministry as indicated in the Bible.

Kingdoms. Governing institutions. Hidden powers. Personal agendas. Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says about His kingdom in contrast to our own. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Identify

When you hear the word "ministry," what thoughts or images come to mind?

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Ps 27:1-8; Hebrews 2:1-4; Luke 6:17-19; Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-9; Philippians 4:13; Isaiah 6:8.

Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you understand your personal call by God to a life of ministry (service)?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said, "ministry is an *outcome* of relationship with Jesus and others within your community of faith, not an objective or a success we must achieve." How do you respond to this statement? Is there anything you would like to say to Jesus about this? Is there something He might be saying to you?

Respond (*Soul-Work*)

Moving forward... Think of a time when you were afraid of what God might ask of you or a time you said "I can't do that." What might Jesus want to say to you concerning this? As you sit quietly with Jesus who says to you, "You are my beloved," dare to ask him, "How can I prepare myself for total surrender with the years I have left so that I can be fruitful?" Repeat this exercise until you get a clear response. Then, write it down and share your experience with a trusted friend.