

Life in the KINGDOM

Part 5: The Inside-Out Kingdom-01

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Digging Deeper this week...

BiG iDEa: Jesus invites me to walk in his kingdom from the inside, out.

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

Think of a time you just didn't "get it" when trying to learn a concept or master a skill. How did it make you feel?

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 11:1-11; John 12:24-25; Philippians 1:21.

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 the voice of God through the life and teaching of Jesus?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. When faced with committing to an action or pushing through a difficult situation or teaching, what is your normal response? (Run and hide? Push through? Step away to gather your thoughts? Other?) 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 finally understood something in your spiritual life that had not made sense to you in the past (a situation, Bible passage, hard teaching, etc.). How did that make you feel? What did this "ah-ha" experience lead you to think or do? How might this help you grow to trust God's favor toward you now and in the future?