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Sermon Study Guides and Small Group Discussion Curriculum

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This portfolio showcases selected sermon study guides and small group curriculum written to adapt the voice of pastor and theologian Dr. Tony Evans for community engagement. These materials bridge deep theological concepts with practical life applications while maintaining strict brand guidelines for Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship.

"Unleashing Kingdom Truth"

John 18:36-38

Introduction

Typically, a survivor's skill set is produced through traumatic events characterized by pain, suffering, and distress. They struggle to adapt to new seasons of life when God calls them to live because they are accustomed to merely surviving. Those functioning in survivors' mode often discover that the skills they used in previous seasons don't apply in the new season. But survivors and many others must learn to live differently as God continues to "make a roadway in the wilderness" (Isaiah 43:19) and "rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19). God calls all His children to live life focusing on Kingdom truth, found only in His Son, Jesus Christ, who holds the power to set us free. Through Him, we learn to build new skills from the Word of God and live life abundantly.

Kingdom truth is needed because of Satanic deception, to combat cultural confusion, and to prevent God's divine judgment. We can obtain Kingdom truth by reading the Word of God. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). Therefore, when the enemy tries to produce lies to negate the truth, he is attempting to keep us from God and the benefits of God, who only operates in truth. The enemy begins with one individual and then trickles down into our entire society. The cultural confusion we see now is present because many have walked away from God's truth, just like Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden. They allowed Satan to deceive them, which caused them to walk away from God, bringing about His passive wrath, which we can see in the rapid decline of society.

The nature of Kingdom truth is that it originates from a spiritual realm, results in a spiritual strategy, and resides in a spiritual person. Meaning it does not come from the earth, but instead from God in heaven. In other words, if you don't begin with God, you're not beginning with truth. Kingdom truth forms a spiritual strategy, a useful tool to combat Satan and his lies. Our spiritual strategies are very different from society and its secular operating standards that leave God out. Lastly, Kingdom truth resides in a spiritual person: Jesus Christ, the perfect person. He can give only perfect truth, which is tied to the living and written Word of God. By inclining our ears to Him, we incline our ears to the truth. However, if we are ignoring Jesus, we are ignoring the truth.

Kingdom truth brings spiritual freedom, spiritual transformation, and spiritual authority. Both hearing and applying Kingdom truth give us freedom so we are no longer held hostage by lies. Scripture says, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Kingdom truth transforms us into the image of Jesus Christ. These two principles in action form the basis of spiritual authority: being able to exercise the authority Jesus Christ has given us from heaven on earth. Spiritual authority is operating on God's truth for His Kingdom, not the lies of the culture. This empowers us to walk in the light, trampling over the enemy and his kingdom of darkness.

Getting Started

1. Where in your life do you see Kingdom truth?
2. What does spiritual freedom look like to you?

Let's Get Personal

1. Where do you get your truth from? Does it come from the Father of light and His Word or from the father of lies and culture?
2. What circumstance in your life, has been full of confusion? What does God's Word say about it?
3. What new strategies are you applying in this season based on the truth, which resides in Jesus Christ? How has it benefited you?

Take the Next Step

1. Have you ever faced God's divine judgment by walking away from the truth? What did you learn?
2. How can you exercise your spiritual authority? What are some practical steps you can take to demonstrate this in your home, your work place, your community?
3. Want to go deeper? Take time to look at the following passages: John 18:36-38; John 8:31-45; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:13-17; Psalm 31:5; 2 Corinthians 10:1-6; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; John 14:6; John 15:26; John 16:12-15; John 1:17; Psalm 19:7-14.

Renew Your Mind

"Therefore Pilate said to Him, 'So You are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'"

John 18:37

“The Responsibility of Stewardship”

Luke 19:11-27

Introduction

A very wealthy gentleman offered a poor young boy the opportunity to earn extra money by watching over his home while he and his family went on vacation. When he returned, the wealthy gentleman discovered that the poor young boy had wasted all his time enjoying the home instead of taking care of it. Judging his performance, the gentleman declared the boy unfit for work. Unlike this poor young boy, believers must be good stewards of the resources God has graciously given us. We must remember that we did not earn these resources by merit, but received them through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Our salvation cost Jesus His life; therefore, He wants to know how we made the most of that gift.

Jesus will evaluate our stewardship through our faithfulness, productivity, and profession to Him and His Kingdom. Our accountability for faithfulness will be seen in our consistency and dependability. Could He count on us? Jesus will account for our productivity by witnessing whether we cared about the quality of our effectiveness within our faithful works. Jesus will account for our profession by how faithfully we remained true to our Kingdom assignment despite unfavorable circumstances, even when our witness may have been rejected.

The good news is that we can correct these losses. We can choose to repent of our sin and turn back to God. We can decide to pursue God wholeheartedly and to please Him in our attitudes, actions, character, and conduct. By investing our time, talents, and treasures in kingdom-minded things, we can begin to serve God faithfully. We can become faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us. These choices will make up for what we have not done for the kingdom and build up rewards for us in eternity.

Jesus Christ will purposefully, personally, and publicly condemn useless believers for the Kingdom. As a believer, if you are not taking the return of the King seriously, you are missing the principle of accountability, which will lead to condemnation. Jesus is keeping a detailed record of how we use our resources. At the end, He will ask every believer how we managed the resources that were given to us. Our responsibility is to accept the challenge of usefulness for the Lord and His Kingdom and use what we were given for His glory.

Getting Started

1. What does good stewardship look like to you?
2. What are some of the challenges of being faithful in your productivity to Jesus and the Kingdom?

Let's Get Personal

1. How would you evaluate the use of your time, talents, and treasures for the Kingdom of God?

2. Sometimes our witness is rejected, but we must still fulfill our call. How will you fare in the judgment of your accountability to your faithfulness to Jesus in trying circumstances?
3. In what ways are you taking the return of the King seriously on a daily?

Take the Next Step

1. How can you improve the use of your time, talents, and treasures to glorify Jesus Christ better?
2. How can you strengthen your witness of Jesus Christ to expand His Kingdom and bring Him honor?
3. Want to go deeper? Take time to look at the following passages: 2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Peter 1:17; Matthew 12:36-37; Matthew 10:42; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Mark 10:28-31; Romans 2:12; 1 Corinthians 4:2; Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:12; Matthew 16:27; Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 21:4; Ephesians 6:8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Luke 19:17; 1 John 2:28; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 19:29; John 12:26; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 22:16; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 10:35-36; Hebrews 9:15; Romans 8:17; Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 10:29-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; Matthew 8:12; Matthew 13:38; Matthew 22:11-14; Isaiah 30:15; Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:2; Matthew 3:8; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11; James 4:1-10; Matthew 12:41; Matthew 22:1-14

Renew Your Mind

He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

Luke 19:26
