

The Word of the Kingdom

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I John 5:11-12.

B. God's Word opens us to the kingdom of God. (Matthew 13)

II. Things have to die in order that they might really live.

III. The issue of the kingdom is doing God's will. (Luke 22)

IV. The kingdom is a place of transformation.

A. Your competencies can take you places that your character cannot sustain.

B. God is more concerned about developing humility and brokenness than works. (Matthew 18:4, II Corinthians 12:9)

V. The kingdom means collaborating with those who protect weaknesses and develop strengths. (I Corinthians 12:12-26, I Corinthians 13)

VI. The kingdom of God is a multi-ethnic kingdom. (Isaiah 49:6, Genesis 12:3, Galatians 3:7-8, Genesis 14:40, Proverbs 3:5-6)

VII. The kingdom of God is a kingdom for all. We do not forget the poor in the kingdom of God. (Matthew 25:34, Isaiah 61, James 2:4)

Application questions:

1. What realities about the kingdom surprised you if any? Explain.

2. Why is collaborating with people such an important aspect of the kingdom?

3. What does it mean that one's competencies can take one places that a person's character cannot sustain?
