



#6 Inverted Kingdom

1. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALREADY HERE, BUT NOT FULLY HERE

2. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COUNTER-CULTURAL

KINGDOM LAW #1: Greatness Comes Through SERVING

Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them to him and said, “you know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

KINGDOM LAW #2: The Last Will Be FIRST

Matthew 20:16 So the last will be first, and the first last.

Mark 9:35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 10:44 ... And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

KINGDOM LAW #3: Loss Is GAIN

Mark 8:35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Luke 17:33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

Philippians 3:7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...

KINGDOM LAW #4: Death Brings LIFE

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

–Jim Elliot, 1949

Family Discussion Questions

1. How does Philippians 2:1-4 fit in with the idea that “greatness comes through serving”?
2. Why do we like to be first instead of last? And why do you think Jesus wants us to give up our desire to always be first?
3. Mom and Dad, help explain this quote to your kids, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Psalms 145 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Psalms 149 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Psalms 146 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Psalms 150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Psalms 147 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: James 1 |
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