



K I N G D O M C O M M U N I T Y

Week 10 | June 10 Sermon

Community:

This week's community time may still be needed to discuss your NOW WHAT? plan. What's the best next step for you and your groupies? Kevin and Laine will be teaching a series through July and August centered on the 23rd Psalm, multiple voices will speak into a "Summer of Story" in the auditorium, and there are many resources available for checkout in the small groups library, located in the living room right across from the café at church.

Another opportunity for your community time might be to begin to share bigger picture with one another what you feel you have experienced through the series as a whole. It seems to me that we have been given plenty of opportunities to be Kingdom Community in this season. It has been exciting to hear testimony to that and to see us stepping into those opportunities well as a body. How has your group experienced true Kingdom Community through this season? How have you discovered new ways that you are blessed to be a blessing? How have you blessed others through this series? What is the next step for you in that, regardless of your GROUP's next step together?



THE POWER OF GOD'S STORY

John 1:35-51; John 3

The Gospel story is good news and has the power to transform lives.

Spend time reading John 3, make sure you understand God's redemptive, salvation story.

SANCTUARY :: Kevin Korver

Please read this week's passage (John 3:1-21). In what ways is the story a testimony to God's amazing grace?

Is there a verse or are there words/phrases that are especially meaningful to you? Why?

Kevin talked about living a "questionable life." The intent behind the phrase is to ask what in my relationship with Jesus causes others to ask about Christ and His Kingdom?

Can you name some specific times when your way of living positively raised questions about the Kingdom of God?

Conversely, can you name some times when your way of living negatively raised questions about the Kingdom of God? (Think, "thumbs up" or "thumbs down.")

Kevin emphasized these words and verses:

See the King of God (v. 3)

Enter the Kingdom of God (v. 5)

Lifted up . . . believe. . . eternal life (vv. 14-15)

Do you find these words and verses to be helpful as you share the power of God's story? Why? Why not?

Discuss and then together pray about one opportunity to share the power of God's story this week.

AUDITORIUM :: Keith Korver

Recap the BLESS Series to date: Which theme has resonated most for you personally and why?

BLESS SERIES THEMES

B = Begin with prayer

L = Listen to the Holy Spirit and others

L = Learn about Jesus

E = Eat together and encourage

S = Serve out of heart motivation through the Holy Spirit

S = Holy Spirit is sending you out daily with specific prompts

S = The power of God's story (this week) and your story (next week)

What was your story like when it was lived apart from the power of God's story?

Share a time or season in your life where your little story connected with a larger story that made your life so worth living.

Share a time or season when your life story connected with the power of God's story where you felt and knew that your identity is found in Christ and you were living boldly for Him.

Can you share a time when you attempted to share the power of God's story with the message of salvation in Jesus with a person or group? How did it feel? What happened? What did you learn?