



Lesson 10: Called to One Kingdom

Main Point

You are called, in your daily lives and future careers, to participate in God's Kingdom work on earth.

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-12 NLT

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, **you can show others the goodness of God**, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." Dear friends, I warn you as **"temporary residents and foreigners"** to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. **Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors.** Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

Exploring the Scripture:

- What does this passage say about your identity and purpose?
- What does the passage mean when it calls us "temporary residents and foreigners"?
- How can disciples "show others the goodness of God" through their daily lives and careers?
- Let's think about a job you might like to have one day. How might you show others the goodness of God as you do that job?

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24 NLT

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' **These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers**, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the **Kingdom of God** above all else, and **live righteously**, and he will give you everything you need.

Exploring the Scripture:

- What does Jesus say his disciples should do?
- What is the Kingdom of God?
- What does it mean to "seek the Kingdom of God above all else"?

Applying It to My Life:

- Reflect on where God currently has you placed. How can you "seek God's Kingdom" and "show others God's goodness" in this season of your life?
- How can you seek God's Kingdom in the ways you plan for your future?

Response:

How can we use our gifts to share Jesus with the world?

- In your journal, list the people, places, and activities where you spend the most time each week. Think of your family, school, friends, after-school and weekend activities, job, neighborhood, etc.

Jesus gave us a prayer we can pray daily to prepare us for joining in God's Kingdom work. It is called the Lord's Prayer.

Read: Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

- Choose one of the places, activities, or people from your list. In your journal, write a prayer using the first two verses of the Lord's Prayer as your model. You can elaborate as much as you want. Follow this format:

Father, may your holy name be known [*in this place or by this person*].
May your Kingdom come, and your will be done [*here or in this person's life*].
Help me to join you in the work you are doing.
Amen.