

KINGDOM VALUES • LUKE 17:1-21

While Jesus has been calling the nation to respond before it was too late, He has been progressively disclosing new aspects of how the kingdom of God would be established upon His rejection by Israel.

1. What has Jesus already taught considering the new nature of God's kingdom in light of Israel's rejection?
2. If you were asked what the key character traits are that distinguish a follower of Christ, what would you say?

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3. Here we see the key values and character that will identify those who belong to Christ's kingdom. Write down the 4 qualities.
4. Why are Christians able to forgive in a way that non-Christians can't?
5. If we find ourselves unable to forgive, what might this be telling us about ourselves?
6. While the basis for our forgiveness as Christians, is Christ's death on the cross, what is the key to experiencing and feeling this forgiveness daily?
7. Summarize Jesus response to the question about increased faith.

8. If the amount of faith is not the issue, what is the key to living by faith?

9. Who do you know that characterizes a life of faith? What dynamics distinguish them as people of faith?

10. Read 17:7-10. Jesus is emphasizing the quality of humility. What is the basis for a Christian's humility?

11. What trait is Jesus concerned that may manifest itself in the life of His followers, if they don't have this attitude? What happened with the Pharisees?

12. Read 17:11-19. What is the final attribute Jesus emphasizes for kingdom members?

13. Because of God's grace to us in our salvation, at even the worst of times, there are dozens of things that we have been given that should be a source of thankfulness. Take a few minutes and list as many things as come to mind.

In 17:20-21, we see that rather than a nation, it is in the heart and lives of individuals where this new kingdom will grow. A heart that manifests these qualities, identifies a heart where Jesus is reigning as King.

14. As you think of your own heart as Jesus' new kingdom, are there any of these four areas where you have not allowed Him to freely reign?

Memory Verse

Luke 17:3 "If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."