

KINGDOM FIRST

Matthew 6:33

SUMMARY...

How did Jesus invest in the Kingdom of God? The gospels answer that question and, thankfully, paint a clear picture of how Jesus invested in the Kingdom of God. He did this through OBEDIENCE. Jesus was obedient to do *all* that the Father wanted Him to do – both in word and deed. He spoke *all* that the Father wanted Him to speak in the exact way the Father wanted Him to speak it. And Jesus did *all* that His Father wanted Him to do it. With every step of obedience that Jesus took, He was making an investment in the Kingdom of God.

Similarly, every time we take steps to be obedient to God, we make an investment in the Kingdom of God. And with every investment we make in the Kingdom of God, we advance the Kingdom of God here on earth.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...

1. Share with your GROUP your *'Twenty-one days of prayer'* story. How did God 'open your eyes.' What did you learn? How did God challenge and/or encourage you during the Twenty-one days of prayer?

On Sunday, Michael shared two ways in which God 'opened' his eyes in new ways to understand prayer:

- PRAYER IS NOT AS COMPLICATED AS I MAKE IT TO BE
- THE LORD'S PRAYER IS A POWERFUL PRAYER TO PRAY EVERYDAY

2. What are some ways in which you have made prayer more complicated than it needs to be?
3. What makes the Lord's prayer such a powerful prayer to pray every day?
4. Read John 5:19 and John 12:49-50 – what does Jesus teach us about obedience?
5. Investing in the Kingdom of God begins with being obedient to God. How do we know what God wants us to be obedient to?
6. Share with your GROUP ways that God is calling you to be obedient to Him in. And share a few ways in which your GROUP can help you be obedient so that you can continue to invest in the Kingdom of God.
7. Why is disobedience an investment in the kingdom of darkness? Read the Jeff Christopherson quote below.

BIBLICAL TEXTS CITED...

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

“Never stop praying.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)

"Pray like this: 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." Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.” John 5:19 (NLT)

“I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. And I know his commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say.” John 12:49-50 (NLT)

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)

SERMON QUOTE...

“At any given moment I am either expanding the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Darkness.”
Jeff Christopherson – Kingdom Matrix

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