



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Kingdom Citizenship and Relationships

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

As citizens of God's kingdom, our lives should reflect a culture distinct from the world. By understanding and obeying kingdom laws, we manifest God's wisdom and character in our relationships and daily conduct. This study explores how to live as law-abiding citizens of heaven, showcasing the kingdom's culture in every aspect of life.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Philippians 3:18

1 Peter 2:11

1 Corinthians 6:9

Ephesians 3:9

Luke 17

## Key Takeaways

- Kingdom citizenship involves living by heavenly principles.
- Obedience to kingdom laws shapes our culture and lifestyle.
- Our relationships should reflect the distinct culture of God's kingdom.
- Living as aliens and strangers in the world requires abstaining from sinful desires.
- Manifesting kingdom culture involves excellence and quality in daily life.

## Introduction

In a world filled with diverse cultures and values, believers are called to live according to the principles of God's kingdom. This study explores what it means to be a citizen of heaven, focusing on how our lives and relationships should reflect the distinct culture of God's kingdom.

## Scripture Reading

- **Philippians 3:18-20** — Contrasts earthly desires with heavenly citizenship, urging believers to focus on their heavenly identity.
- **1 Peter 2:11** — Encourages believers to live as aliens and strangers, abstaining from sinful desires that war against the soul.
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** — Warns that behaviors contrary to kingdom laws will not inherit the kingdom of God, emphasizing transformation through Christ.
- **Ephesians 3:9-10** — Highlights God's intent to reveal His wisdom through His people, emphasizing the importance of manifesting kingdom culture.
- **Luke 17:20-21** — Mentions that the kingdom of God is within you, underscoring the internal transformation required for kingdom living.

## Key Points

**1. Understanding Heavenly Citizenship** — Believers are called to live as citizens of heaven, focusing on their heavenly identity rather than earthly desires. This involves a commitment to kingdom principles that set them apart from worldly culture. By embracing their identity in Christ, believers can navigate the challenges of living in a world that often opposes kingdom values.

- Reflect on areas in your life where earthly desires may be overshadowing your heavenly identity.
- Commit to daily practices that reinforce your identity as a citizen of heaven.
- Engage in community with other believers to strengthen your understanding of kingdom principles.

Scripture: Philippians 3:18-20    1 Peter 2:11

## Key Points (cont.)

2. **Obeying Kingdom Laws** — Obedience to kingdom laws is essential for maintaining the rights and privileges of citizenship. These laws shape the culture and lifestyle of believers, ensuring they reflect God's character. By adhering to these divine principles, believers demonstrate their allegiance to God's kingdom and set themselves apart from worldly influences.
  - Identify specific kingdom laws that you find challenging to obey and seek God's guidance in those areas.
  - Regularly study Scripture to deepen your understanding of God's laws.
  - Hold yourself accountable to a fellow believer to encourage mutual growth in obedience.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11    Ephesians 3:9-10

## Key Points (cont.)

3. **Manifesting Kingdom Culture** — Believers are called to manifest the culture of God's kingdom in their relationships and daily lives. This involves demonstrating excellence, quality, and a distinct lifestyle that reflects God's wisdom. By living out these values, believers become a testament to the transformative power of the kingdom within them.

- Examine your daily interactions and consider how they reflect kingdom culture.
- Strive for excellence in all areas of life as a reflection of God's character.
- Seek opportunities to demonstrate kingdom values in your community.

Scripture: Luke 17:20-21   Ephesians 3:9-10

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## **Observation**

- What does Philippians 3:18-20 say about earthly desires versus heavenly citizenship?
- How does 1 Peter 2:11 describe the life of a believer in the world?
- What behaviors are warned against in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11?

## **Interpretation**

- Why is it important for believers to focus on their heavenly identity?
- How do kingdom laws shape the culture and lifestyle of believers?
- What does it mean to manifest the culture of God's kingdom in daily life?

## **Application**

- In what ways can you reinforce your identity as a citizen of heaven?
- What steps can you take to better obey kingdom laws in your life?
- How can you demonstrate kingdom culture in your relationships and community?

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for strength to live according to heavenly principles in daily life.
- Ask for wisdom to understand and obey kingdom laws.
- Seek guidance to manifest God's character in all relationships.
- Pray for a deeper commitment to your identity as a citizen of heaven.

## Next Step

Reflect on your daily life and identify areas where you can better align with kingdom principles.

## Conclusion

Living as citizens of God's kingdom requires a commitment to heavenly principles that distinguish us from worldly culture. By understanding and obeying kingdom laws, we can manifest God's wisdom and character in our relationships and daily conduct, showcasing the transformative power of the kingdom within us.