



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Prioritizing the Kingdom of God

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

In a world filled with distractions and obligations, the call to prioritize the kingdom of God stands as a beacon for a fulfilled life. By seeking His righteousness and adopting a childlike faith, we align ourselves with divine purpose and experience true fulfillment. This study explores how prioritizing the kingdom simplifies life and aligns us with God's will.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Matthew 6:33

Luke 18:15-17

Luke 9:57

Luke 9:60

Luke 18:28

## Key Takeaways

- The kingdom of God is the ultimate priority for believers.
- Life becomes simpler and more meaningful when we prioritize correctly.
- Childlike faith is essential to experiencing the kingdom of God.
- Material gain is not the focus of following Jesus.
- Proclaiming the kingdom takes precedence over personal and family obligations.

## Introduction

In the midst of life's many demands, the call to prioritize the kingdom of God offers a path to true fulfillment. This study delves into how seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness can transform our lives, simplify our existence, and align us with divine purpose.

## Scripture Reading

- **Matthew 6:33** — Emphasizes the importance of seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness above all else.
- **Luke 18:15-17** — Illustrates the necessity of a childlike approach to enter the kingdom of God.
- **Luke 9:57** — Demonstrates that following Jesus is not about material wealth or gain.
- **Luke 9:60** — Highlights the priority of proclaiming the kingdom over familial duties.
- **Luke 18:28** — Promises rewards for those who sacrifice everything for the kingdom of God.

## Key Points

1. **The Kingdom as Priority** — The kingdom of God should be the foremost priority in our lives, as emphasized in Matthew 6:33. By seeking His righteousness, we align with divine purpose. This prioritization helps us focus on what truly matters and guides our decisions and actions.
  - Reflect on areas of life where the kingdom is not the priority.
  - Make a list of daily activities and evaluate how they align with kingdom values.
  - Pray for guidance to prioritize God's kingdom in all aspects of life.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

## Key Points (cont.)

2. **Simplifying Life** — Life is too complicated without clear priorities. Identifying and organizing around the kingdom simplifies and enriches our lives. When we focus on God's kingdom, we find clarity and purpose, reducing the noise and distractions that often overwhelm us.
- Identify distractions that prevent you from focusing on the kingdom.
  - Create a plan to minimize these distractions.
  - Seek accountability from a fellow believer to stay focused on kingdom priorities.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

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3. **Childlike Faith** — To truly experience the kingdom, we must adopt a childlike faith, characterized by trust and humility. This faith allows us to approach God with openness and dependence, essential qualities for entering His kingdom.
- Reflect on what it means to have childlike faith.
  - Practice humility in daily interactions.
  - Trust God in areas where you feel uncertain or anxious.

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17

## Key Points (cont.)

**4. Beyond Material Gain** — Following Jesus is not about acquiring material wealth but about spiritual fulfillment and proclaiming the kingdom. This perspective shifts our focus from earthly possessions to eternal values.

- Assess your motivations for following Jesus.
- Consider how you can proclaim the kingdom in your community.
- Evaluate your lifestyle for areas where materialism may be a distraction.

Scripture: Luke 9:57    Luke 9:60

**5. Sacrifices and Rewards** — Those who prioritize the kingdom over personal and familial obligations are promised great rewards. This promise encourages us to make sacrifices, knowing that God honors our commitment to His kingdom.

- Identify personal sacrifices you can make for the kingdom.
- Reflect on the eternal rewards promised by Jesus.
- Encourage others by sharing testimonies of sacrifices made for the kingdom.

Scripture: Luke 18:28

## Group Discussion

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

### Observation

- What does Matthew 6:33 say about priorities?
- How does Jesus describe the kingdom of God in Luke 18:15-17?
- What is the significance of Jesus' response in Luke 9:57?
- How does Luke 9:60 challenge our understanding of family obligations?

### Interpretation

- Why is seeking the kingdom of God emphasized as a priority?
- What characteristics of childlike faith are essential for entering the kingdom?
- How does focusing on spiritual fulfillment differ from seeking material gain?

## Interpretation (cont.)

- What does it mean to prioritize the kingdom over personal obligations?

## Application

- How can you prioritize the kingdom of God in your daily life?
- What steps can you take to cultivate childlike faith?
- In what ways can you shift your focus from material gain to spiritual fulfillment?
- What sacrifices might God be calling you to make for His kingdom?

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for guidance to prioritize God's kingdom in all aspects of life.
- Ask for a childlike faith that trusts and depends on God.
- Seek clarity and purpose by focusing on eternal values over material gain.

## **Next Step**

Reflect on areas of life where the kingdom is not the priority and make intentional changes to align with God's purpose.

## **Conclusion**

Prioritizing the kingdom of God is a transformative journey that aligns us with divine purpose and brings true fulfillment. By seeking His righteousness, adopting a childlike faith, and focusing on eternal values, we simplify our lives and experience the abundant life God promises. Let us commit to making His kingdom our foremost priority.