



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Prioritizing the Kingdom of God

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

In a world full of distractions and complexities, Jesus calls us to simplify our lives by prioritizing the kingdom of God above all else. By becoming like children—simple, trusting, and dependent—we can truly experience the fullness of His kingdom. This study explores how to realign our priorities to reflect this divine mandate.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Matthew 6:33

Luke 9:57

Luke 9:60

Luke 18:28

Luke 18:15-17

## Key Takeaways

- The kingdom of God is the ultimate priority for all believers.
- Life becomes simpler when we focus on divine priorities.
- True discipleship involves sacrifices and a shift from material concerns.
- Experiencing the kingdom requires childlike qualities such as trust and simplicity.
- Organizing and disciplining our lives around God's kingdom leads to fulfillment.

## Introduction

In the midst of life's many distractions, Jesus calls His followers to prioritize the kingdom of God above all else. This study guide will explore how we can realign our lives to reflect this divine mandate, focusing on simplicity, sacrifice, and childlike faith.

## Scripture Reading

- **Matthew 6:33** — Emphasizes the importance of seeking the kingdom of God first in all aspects of life.
- **Luke 9:57** — Illustrates the cost of following Jesus, which is not about material gain.
- **Luke 9:60** — Highlights the precedence of proclaiming the kingdom over familial duties.
- **Luke 18:28** — Assures believers that sacrifices made for the kingdom will be rewarded.
- **Luke 18:15-17** — Demonstrates that the kingdom of God is accessible to those who embody childlike faith and simplicity.

## Key Points

1. **The Kingdom as Priority** — Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God should be our foremost concern, surpassing all other priorities. This requires a conscious decision to seek His righteousness above all else. By focusing on the kingdom, we align our lives with God's purpose, ensuring that our actions and decisions reflect His will.
  - Evaluate your current priorities and identify areas where the kingdom of God can take precedence.
  - Pray for guidance in aligning your daily decisions with God's kingdom.
  - Seek opportunities to serve and advance the kingdom in your community.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

## Key Points (cont.)

2. **Simplicity in Life** — Life is inherently complex, but by focusing on divine priorities, we can simplify our existence. This involves organizing our lives around what truly matters. Simplifying our lives allows us to concentrate on spiritual growth and service, reducing the distractions that pull us away from God's purpose.
  - Identify and eliminate unnecessary distractions in your life.
  - Create a daily routine that prioritizes spiritual practices.
  - Reflect on how simplicity can enhance your relationship with God.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

## Key Points (cont.)

3. **Sacrifices for the Kingdom** — Following Jesus may require sacrifices, including material comforts and familial obligations, but these sacrifices are rewarded in the kingdom. True discipleship involves a willingness to let go of earthly attachments to gain eternal rewards.
- Consider what sacrifices you might need to make to follow Jesus more closely.
  - Discuss with a mentor or spiritual advisor about the challenges of discipleship.
  - Reflect on the eternal rewards promised to those who prioritize the kingdom.

Scripture: Luke 9:57   Luke 9:60   Luke 18:28

## Key Points (cont.)

4. **Childlike Faith** — To enter the kingdom of God, we must adopt the qualities of children—trust, simplicity, and dependence. These attributes open the door to experiencing God's kingdom fully. Childlike faith involves a pure and sincere trust in God's promises and a willingness to rely on Him completely.
  - Cultivate a sense of wonder and trust in your relationship with God.
  - Practice humility and dependence on God in your daily life.
  - Engage in activities that foster a childlike spirit, such as creative worship or prayer.

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17

## Group Discussion

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

## **Observation**

- What does Matthew 6:33 say about our priorities?
- How does Luke 9:57 illustrate the cost of following Jesus?
- What qualities of children are highlighted in Luke 18:15-17?

## **Interpretation**

- Why does Jesus emphasize seeking the kingdom of God first?
- How can simplicity in life help us focus on divine priorities?
- What does it mean to have childlike faith in the context of the kingdom of God?

## **Application**

- What practical steps can you take to prioritize the kingdom of God in your life?
- How can you simplify your life to better focus on God's kingdom?
- What sacrifices might God be calling you to make for the sake of His kingdom?

## Prayer Focus

- Ask for guidance in prioritizing God's kingdom
- Pray for a childlike faith and trust
- Seek strength to make necessary sacrifices

## Next Step

Evaluate your daily priorities and make intentional changes to seek the kingdom of God first.

## Conclusion

Prioritizing the kingdom of God requires intentionality and a willingness to embrace simplicity, sacrifice, and childlike faith. As we align our lives with God's purposes, we find fulfillment and joy in His eternal kingdom. Let us commit to seeking His kingdom first, trusting that all other things will be added to us.