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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Go Deeper Study Guide

KINGDOM CHOICES | Matthew 14:1-36

Pastor Bob DuPar • Nov 14-20, 2021

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read **Matthew 14:1-36**. Try comparing two different translations. Take some time as a group discussing your observations.

Having listened to the sermon, which challenge/choice do you feel is your greatest struggle? **Compassion?** **Communion?** **Courage?** Explain

How do we cultivate a **heart of compassion**? Read **Philippians 2:1-8** Try comparing different translations.

What are some ways that we can **commune** with God? Describe 1 or 2 of your favorites. How is this meaningful & helpful? How does it protect us from worldly pressures & priorities?

What would have happened if Jesus had allowed the crowd to make Him king? (**John 6:15**) What perspective/focus was Jesus reminded of through prayer with God? Read **Matthew 26:39**; **John 5:30** & **6:38**

Read & discuss the following sermon quote :

Spirituality is not a formula; it's not a test. It's a relationship. Spirituality is not about competency; it's about intimacy. Spirituality is not about perfection; it's about connection. The way of the spiritual life begins where we are now in the mess of our lives. Accepting the reality of our broken, flawed lives is the beginning of spirituality, not because the spiritual life will remove our flaws, but because we let go of seeking perfection and instead we seek God, the one who is present in the tangledness of our lives. Spirituality is not about being fixed; it's about God's being present in the mess of our unfixeness.

Source: Mike Yaconelli, Messy Spirituality (Zondervan, 2002), p. 13

What's one way that God is challenging you to be **courageous** over your circumstances? How will you accomplish this?

Application

What's one way that you can practice what you've learned?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you?

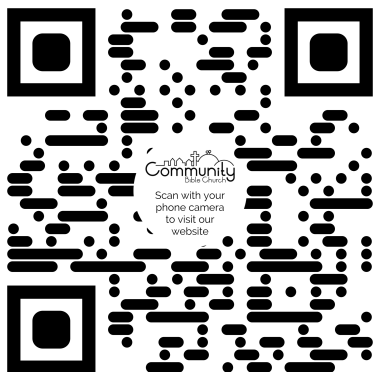


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Worship: **Britney Christian Miller**

Song List

- 10,000 Reasons
- Who You Say I Am
- Sinking Deep
- Oceans
- In Christ Alone



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Contributions \$477,965.00	Budgeted Expenses \$444,400.90	Actual Expenses \$435,344.89
Offering for 11/7/21 \$5,295.00	Weekly Needs \$9,869.79	
Fund Balances thru September 30, 2021		
General \$189,180.46	Benevolence \$2,837.13	Building \$40,882.73

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Initial Insights

Jesus models for us what it means to choose...

- COMPASSION OVER CONTEMPT
vss 13-21; 34-36

- COMMUNION OVER KINGSHIP
vss 22-23

- COURAGE OVER CIRCUMSTANCES
vss 24-33

Closing Comments

