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Jesus' counter cultural guidebook

Guideline #2 Jesus' allegiance was to ONE King & ONE Kingdom. Period!

- Jesus clearly understood where His loyalties lay;

Serve **ONE** King; Build **ONE** Kingdom. Period!

Practically **CULTIC** verbiage! John 5:30, 8:28-29, 42; 2 Tim. 2:4-5

- Heaven's King expects full **ALLEGIANCE**

The Disciple's **LOYALTY** expressed. John 6:66-69

- Heaven's Kingdom necessitates full **FIDELITY** Matt. 13:42-44

The Kingdom is **PRICELESS**

The Kingdom is **HIDDEN**

The Kingdom is **JOYOUS**

The Kingdom is personally **DISCOVERED**

The Kingdom is personally **PURCHASED**

Questions to ask oneself:

Who would my family and friends say is the person I'm most loyal to?

Who is it that I talk the most about?

Do I make decisions in my life based on my Heavenly King's desires or instructions?

Am I more active in promoting my American Culture or my Heavenly Culture?

Life Group Discussion Questions – July 4, 2021

2 Timothy 2:4-5 *No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him. And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned as victor unless he competes according to the rules.*

DISCOVER

1. What is allegiance? Is this the same as commitment? Discuss what results can be expected when our loyalties are divided. Why will a "house divided not stand?"
2. What happens when we forsake the commands of the Lord our God or don't take refuge in Him?

EXPLORE

1. Jesus believed and lived according to what His Father revealed in Scripture. Explain Jesus' intent when He said (three times in the Sermon on the Mount), "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you..." (see Mark 12:24 and Luke 20:37-38)
2. Read Exodus 20:1-3. What does "other gods" refer to? What does this mean in terms of loyalty? Now read Matthew 22:36-38. How did Jesus show His loyalty to God the Father in this passage?
3. Read Matthew 13:44-46. What is the most valuable thing you've ever found? How valuable would a treasure have to be for you to sell everything you had to get it?

EXPERIENCE

1. Loving God first and foremost does not take away from the deep love we have for others. How can we cultivate this greater perspective?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-2. How often do you experience a full day where you are consistent at keeping your mind intent on "things above?" What does this mean to you? What will it take to make this the norm in your life?
3. Read John 6:35-66. Have you ever struggled in following Jesus, saying, "It's too difficult to always be loyal to Jesus, I can't listen to Him at times"? When have you've been selective in your loyalty or obedience to the Lord?
4. If someone asked you your top five priorities in life, what would you say? If that person looked at your calendar, your bank account, and your screen time, what would they say your priorities are? Would they be convinced that you are promoting Heavenly Culture?

PRAY/ACTION

Pray... Thank You that I have been born from above, a citizen of heaven, and Your child.

Give me ears and a new heart to listen to Your voice and to be obedient to Your Word. May I look to Jesus, moment by moment, especially when I need wisdom to discern who and what is not from You, so that I may well avoid the evil that's so pervasive and cling to Kingdom good.

Action... What is one decision that is imminent this week that I will seek for God's will to prevail?



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Live a life of influence
by following the
example of Jesus.



DEEP

Discover. WHAT WAS SAID? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Explore. HOW DO THE PRINCIPLES TAUGHT RELATE TO MY LIFE?

Experience. WHEN HAVE I EXPERIENCED THIS? OR HOW CAN I?

Pray. WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR FROM THIS TEACHING?

1. **DISCOVER.** CONTEXT

Review the main points from the message. Who were the people involved? What was the setting or situation?

2. **DISCOVER.** WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT JESUS?

What characteristic about Jesus stood out to you?

What passages or points from the message support your statement?

What was Jesus doing? or what has He done? What passages or points from the message support your statement?

What is important to Jesus? What does He value?
What passages or points from the message support
your statement?

3. **DISCOVER.** HOW SHOULD YOU LIVE BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED?

Was there anything in the message that caused you to be
concerned? What do you need to know or be aware of?

Were there any instructions in the message? Is there anything
you need to do?

Were any promises spoken about that you can count on?
What were they?

4. **EXPLORE.** How does this message relate to you personally?
Why do you think it's important?

EXPERIENCE. How have you experienced what was taught?
If you don't have an experience that relates, what can you
do to gain experience?

5. **PRAY.** What are you grateful for from this teaching?



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Priorities

Allegiance

Perspective

Attitude

Strength

Fuel