

King Me | Jimmy Rollins | 9.20.20 Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

If you could only eat at one restaurant for the rest of your life, which one would you choose?

SHARE

Welcome to Week Six of Kingdom Culture. Two thousand years ago, Jesus started the process of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. In this series, we are talking about what it means to continue the process.

The "Kingdom" is God's presence on this earth, and "Culture" is a specific way of walking and talking. When we put those two words together, we get a great reminder that our calling is to carry God's Kingdom wherever we go. Our job is to walk and talk like Jesus's followers. We are agents, called to bring slices of heaven down to earth everywhere we go!

This week, Jimmy Rollins was back in town to remind us about the role we play in creating a Kingdom Culture! But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick that number?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the most exciting thing that happened to you this week?

Read Mark 5:21-29

What stuck out to you about this story? Why?

What was your favorite part about Jimmy's sermon?

This week Jimmy preached about this great passage in Mark 5, where Jesus helps a woman who is in desperate need of healing. What's amazing about the story you just read is Jesus healed the woman without even trying. She came up to Jesus and touched him, and that is all it took for her to receive her healing.

Why?

Because Jesus carried the Kingdom of Heaven with Him wherever He went, every step Jesus took, he brought the Kingdom Culture with him.

Remember the sign hanging up in your Kindergarten classroom that said: Leave every room better than you found it.

Sometimes it feels like everything we need to know we learned in Kindergarten. Every time Jesus walked into a room, he carried the Kingdom Culture with Him and left it better than he found it. Every time he walked into a room, the people were either healed, encouraged, or challenged to get their life in order. Even when people went away sad (like the rich, young, ruler), they left with things to think about. Because in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no sickness, no death, no envy, no slander, and no sin. So, if we want to create a Kingdom Culture everywhere we go, just like Jesus, we need to look for opportunities to heal everywhere we go.

Is the same true about you? You may not be seeing blind eyes opened, but are the people around you becoming more like Jesus? Every time we walk into a room, we should be asking the question: how can I make this better?

What is one room you are going to walk into this week? What is one tangible way you can leave it better than you found it?

Who is one person in your life in need of some healing right now? How can you help them get better?

M O V F

Read Romans 8:31-39

What do you know about the context of this passage? Who is writing it? Why is it such a crucial passage?

What do you think it means to be 'more than a conqueror'?

This week, Jimmy explained Kingdom Culture using the game of checkers. In the game, when you get a piece all the way to the other side, what do you say?

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In the same way, you and I are created in the image of the King. We have royal blood running through our veins. Once we start following Jesus, we receive a God-given authority that we didn't have before. And suddenly, once that happens, everything the enemy meant for evil, God turns around for our good.

We become more than conquerors.

COVID-19 may have tried to steal your dignity or your confidence. Maybe it has cost you your job or a relationship. Or worse, perhaps it's taken your hope. But remember who you are, you are a child of God. It's time to take it back.

It's time to get our hopes back up!

No matter what has been going on in your life, God is bigger, He conquered sin and death, and He is calling us to be more than conquerors.

You are more than a conqueror. Do you believe that? If so, how does that change your week?

Take-Home Assignment: King Me

It's time to get your hopes back up. Identify one place in your life where you've lost hope.

- Have you lost hope that one of your friends or family members will ever start following Jesus?
- Have you lost hope that you will ever get the promotion you've been working for?
- Have you lost hope that you will ever find the relationship you've been searching for?
- Have you lost hope that you will ever get the healing you've been praying for?

Tell your Group about it and commit to changing the way you think about your current problem. Get your hopes back up because He who started a good work in your life will bring it to completion.

PRAY

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

TO GO

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

- Psalm 27:4