



Every Reason to Be Confident | Ronnie Johnson | 10.11.20
Weekly Study

START

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

If you could travel to one place in the world this week (all expenses paid), where would you go and why?

SHARE

Welcome to Week Nine 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, Ronnie talked about confidence! But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

What is one word you would use to describe how you are feeling right now?

What was the most inspirational conversation you've had in the last few months?

What was the best part of your week? What was the most challenging part?

What is one thing you are currently looking forward to?

G R O W

Read Colossians 2:6-9

What stuck out to you from this passage?

What do you think it means to be rooted and built up in Jesus?

These days, it can be challenging to walk around with confidence. Between the pandemic, the election, and everything else that has happened this year, it can be easy to lose our confidence. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to walk in confidence!

The key to confidence is knowing who Jesus is and what Jesus came to do. This week Ronnie reminded some of those things. Take some time with your Group to discuss each of them: He came to serve us with:

- Jesus came to give us righteousness as a free gift
- Jesus came to give us salvation we cannot work for
- Jesus came to give us purpose we do not create
- Jesus came to give us union with God we do not have to strive for
- Jesus came to give us a calling that cannot be taken or revoked

As Ronnie reminded us this week, “The gospel isn’t about what God wants FROM you – it is a word about what God wants FOR you.” This means the calling on your life is about a WHO before it is ever about a DO.

Which of those items stuck out to you the most? Why do you think that is?

Which of those items is the hardest for you to believe is true about you?

What impact should that list have on your week this week?

M O V E

Read Psalm 37:1-4

What do you know about the Psalms?

What was your takeaway from the beginning of Psalm 37?

What is one desire of your heart?

Psalm 37:4 is an essential verse! Let's reread it.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

At first glance, that verse may sound like you are trying to manipulate God or use God to get what you want. But nothing could be further from the truth. David was a man after God's heart; he wasn't trying to use God to get what he wanted. Instead, he was so in line with God's will that his desires were completely lined up with God's desires!

David was helping us understand a profound truth, that the more time we spend seeking God and delighting ourselves in God, the more aligned our hearts become with God's will.

We will naturally start wanting and desiring the same things God wants and desires for our lives. When that happens, of course God is going to answer our prayers!

Have you ever seen God answer one of your prayers? If so, tell the Group about it.

What is one desire you feel like God has placed on your heart? Tell your Group about it so they can be praying for you?

What is one thing or area God is calling you to have more confidence in?

P R A Y

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.

T O G O

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.

Colossians 2:2