

# sermon notes

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Dare to Be Different | "Dare to Be **Kingdom-minded**"

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## **What does it mean to be kingdom-minded?**

1. Treasuring above all else \_\_\_\_\_  
(13:44-46)
  
2. Preparing for \_\_\_\_\_  
(13:47-49)
  
3. Laboring to bring others into \_\_\_\_\_  
(13:51-52)

## Questions for further application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read John 15:19. What does it mean to be in this world but not of this world? How are we to be different from the world? What does that difference look like? Make a list of ten ways that we as Christians are to be discernibly different from the world.

What does it mean to be kingdom-minded? Whose kingdom should we be mindful of? Do you think of Jesus as a king? Do you think of yourself as one of King Jesus's subjects? Why or why not?

Read the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13:24-30. What is Jesus trying to teach us in this parable? Who do the wheat and the weeds represent? Now read Matthew 13:36-43 and Jesus's explanation/interpretation of that parable. How is the meaning of this parable similar and dissimilar from the parables in Matthew 13:44-50?

### GET PERSONAL

Why did Jesus say, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt 6:33)? Are you seeking first God's kingdom? How do you prioritize that over other pressing concerns in your life? Would someone who knows you well confirm that you are prioritizing Jesus and his kingdom above all other concerns in your life?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Commit to reciting Romans 12:1-2 every day in 2021. Convert that passage into a prayer and pray it out to God. How might you become more "kingdom-minded" in 2021? Ask the Lord to help you pursue that this year.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Is the kingdom of God something future or something present? Is Christ reigning as king now? Is there a sense in which Satan is ruling as the prince of the power of the air right now in our world? Should we pray, like Jesus says in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come"? Is Jesus's kingship "already" but also "not yet"? Is it inaugurated but not consummated? Listen to the following podcast by John Piper to help you answer these questions:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-the-kingdom-of-god>