

FOLLOWING JESUS IN AN ELECTION YEAR
WEEK 1: CITIZENS OF A DIFFERENT KINGDOM

John 17.16, Philippians 3.20

- 1. Jesus came to establish the **KINGDOM OF GOD** and it's **DIFFERENT** than any other kingdom.

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."
John 18.36

- 2. If you are a follower of Jesus, you are a **REPRESENTATIVE** of God's **KINGDOM** in the world.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors... 2 Corinthians 5: 20
Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.
Philippians 3.19-20

- 3. Good News! God's Kingdom is full of **GOOD NEWS**....and we have it!

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16.33

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Revelation 21.5

How do we act as citizens in God's different kingdom?

- 1. Do not allow yourself to be **CO-OPTED** by the world.

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
Matthew 20.25-28

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind.*
Romans 12.2

A good question to ask yourself: To what extent have I exchanged my kingdom identity for a partisan one?

- 2. More **JESUS** in my life.

He must become greater; I must become less. John 3.30

- 3. More **BIBLE** in my life.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4.12

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?