

Study Guide
The Kingdom Has Come
Matthew 16:21-28

Big Idea: When Losing is Winning!

A. Suffering/ Sovereignty (v.21)

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples what would happen to him. He told them he must go to Jerusalem. There he must suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He must be killed and on the third day rise to life again.

Discuss the paradigm-shift the disciples must have experienced here.

What are your dreams for your future? What do you want to accomplish? How can you prevent yourself from being blind-sided by circumstances?

B. Suffering/ Satanic (v.22-23)

22 Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This will never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are standing in my way. You do not have in mind the things God cares about. Instead, you only have in mind the things humans care about."

Discuss the concept that Jesus-followers can say "satanic" things when they are only thinking of what humans care about.

C. Suffering/ Mentorship (v. 24-26)

24 Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me. 25 Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? Or what can anyone trade for their soul?"

How do we try to "save" our lives in a practical sense?

What does it look like for us to "lose" our lives and then really find it?

D. Suffering/ Glory (v.27-28)

27 The Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory. His angels will come with him. And he will reward everyone in keeping with what they have done. 28 "What I'm about to tell you is true. Some who are standing here will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Spend a few moments describing the glory of the Father. Take the time to pray and thank God for His glorious Kingdom.

Message Slides

Upside-Down Kingdom

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