

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#5 Episode #5 Equipping Children to Advance God's Kingdom



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God has designed us *with* a purpose and a desire *for* purpose. It's innate to the human DNA to want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Research finds that this is especially true of younger generations, and it's something that even children long for. How do we teach and invest in children so that they can be on mission with Jesus?

Defining God's Kingdom - It's the realm where Jesus rules and reigns (His will is being done). For kids - compare earthly kingdom with kingdom of God

Earthly Kingdom

1. King
2. Citizens
3. Laws
4. Territory

Kingdom of God

Jesus is the King of kings
Those who follow Jesus and obey Him
God's Word (the Bible)
Every part of creation submits to the lordship of Jesus

It is God's nation that supersedes all.

Scripture References

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. Matthew 4:23 (NLT)

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Psalm 145:13 (ESV)

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Matthew 5:3-12 (NLT)

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