



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

How the Kingdom Comes- Luke 10:17-27

1. **Looking back at your own story, how did God's Kingdom first begin to become real in your life?** Was there a particular person, circumstance, struggle, question, or experience God used to draw you toward himself?
2. **Jesus "looked at him and loved him" before challenging the rich young ruler.** How does knowing that God's correction comes from love change the way you respond when God confronts something in your life?
3. **For the rich young ruler, wealth had become an idol that competed with his love for God.** What things can become competing "kingdoms" in our lives today—things such as money, comfort, success, control, reputation, relationships, or being right? Which one are you most susceptible to?
4. The sermon describes the Holy Spirit applying **"loving pressure"** to areas of our lives that are out of sync with God's Kingdom. **Where might you be experiencing that loving pressure from God right now?** What might God be inviting you to surrender, change, confess, or trust him with?
5. Pastor Keith's friend asked him, **"Do you think God loves you enough to tell you what you should do in this situation?"** How would asking yourself that question affect an area where you currently find it difficult to obey God?
6. The sermon suggests that **God may already be working in the lives of our friends who don't yet know Jesus.** Think of one person in your life. Where might you already see evidence of spiritual curiosity, questions, struggles, longing, or openness that God could be using?

7. Darrell Johnson is quoted as saying, “**Evangelism is joining a conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with another person.**” If that is true, how might it take some of the pressure out of sharing your faith? What is **one practical step—pray, serve, or invite—you could take this week** to join what God may already be doing in someone's life?