



Series: Vision  
Message: The Quest for the Kingdom  
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### ***Quest:***

**Noun. An adventurous expedition to secure or obtain something.**

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*  
Matthew 6:33

### **What does it mean to seek first the kingdom?**

<b>It's not about...</b>	<b>It is about...</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Seeking life with God in the hereafter</li><li>■ Pursuing an earthly 'Christian empire'</li><li>■ Attracting people to sacred space (church)</li><li>■ Getting people to make professions of religious belief</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Seeking life with God in the here and now</li><li>■ Modeling life under the loving reign of Jesus</li><li>■ Incarnating the presence of Christ in secular space</li><li>■ Transforming lives, communities, and cultures through love and service</li></ul>

### **When will we get there?**

- When we get to heaven
- When the kingdom becomes tangible (discernible, real, not vague or elusive) in our neighborhoods, our city, and the world

### **When the kingdom becomes tangible...**

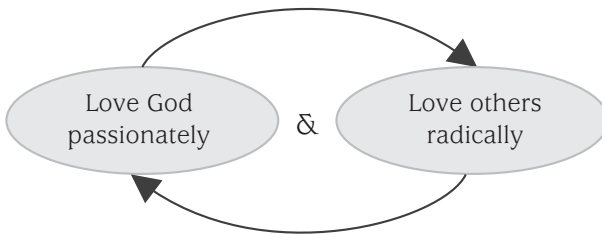
- we will never run short of stories of life transformation
- we will look more like servants than consumers
- we will be seen on the front lines of our city's greatest needs
- we will care more about justice and mercy than styles of worship
- we will measure our success by our impact and influence rather than by the size of our budgets and buildings

Passionately loving God. Radically loving others.

- we will experience a genuine sense of the presence of the King
- the good news we proclaim will really be good news
- we will be known for what we are for more than for what we are against
- we will never have to figure out how to grow the church because people will be drawn to the Jesus they see within us
- we will become a band of brothers on a grand adventure with God
- we will become an authentic community of broken people with the audacity to believe we can actually change the world

## How will we get there?

By living out the creed of the kingdom



## Three keys to living out the creed:

1. Community
2. Mentoring
3. Mission

## The Quest for the Kingdom (our Vision)

...to see the kingdom of Christ made tangible in our lives, our neighborhoods, our city, and our world