

Title: **Portrait of the Kingdom of God**  
Text: **Matthew 5:3-12**  
Date: **December 14, 2025**

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## Big Idea

Subjects of the Kingdom of God willingly and gladly submit to the reign of Jesus. They always come in the wrapper of humility, often accompanied by suffering. The Kingdom grows through meekness, patience, and faith, not by force.

### 1. What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

- a. The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of G\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Who is the King? J\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. What it is and h\_\_\_\_\_ it comes are inseparable.
- d. Substitutionary a\_\_\_\_\_ is core.

### 2. The meek will inherit the earth

- a. Quoted from P\_\_\_\_\_ 37:11
- b. Opposite of seizing by f\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Never resorts to subtle m\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Doesn't assert power to c\_\_\_\_\_

- e. Results in m\_\_\_\_\_, yet we are called to f\_\_\_\_\_
- f. Direct consequence of meekness: p\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. How the Kingdom Advances

- a. Through m\_\_\_\_\_ !
- b. "Always make it e\_\_\_\_\_ for the other person to change the subject or move on."
- c. "I have an agenda for m\_\_\_\_\_, but I don't have an a\_\_\_\_\_ for the other person."
- d. Through patience: Evangelism as a disciple-making p\_\_\_\_\_



### Reflection Questions

- Is any aspect of the Kingdom of God hard for you to accept? Why?
- How does your life reflect the humble coming of the Kingdom of God?
- Think about the last week. How can you do better in living out meekness?
- Have you ever been made fun of for your faith? How was your attitude? How can you learn from persecuted followers of Jesus around the world?
- With whom can you share a portrait of the Kingdom of God?
- What can you do to become more fluent in the language of the Kingdom?

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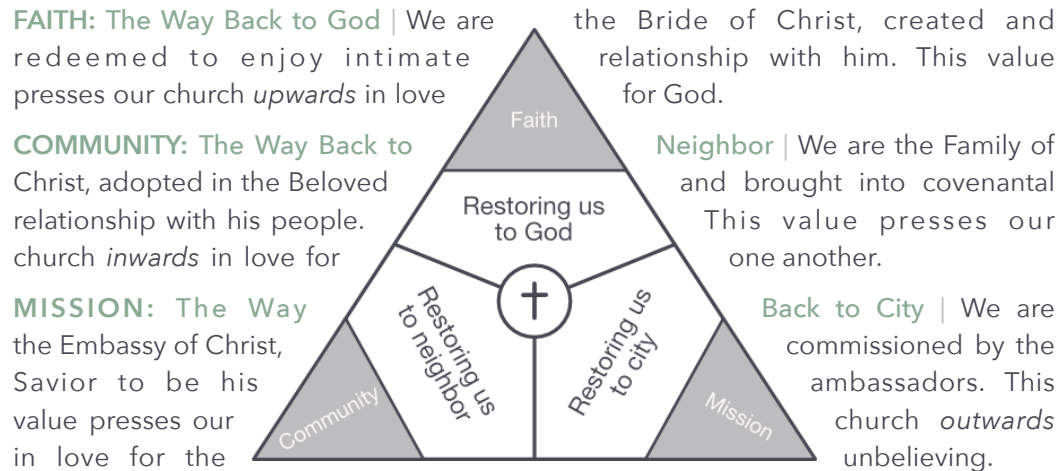


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## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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## Announcement Spotlight

### CityTeam Volunteer Opportunity - THIS SATURDAY!

We have been invited to host the Children's Activity Table at the CityTeam annual "Shopping Event" on December 20, 2025 from noon to 3:00pm. We have done this before as a church and it is a fun afternoon to keep needy kids busy while adults get to browse for family supplies and gifts in the CityTeam warehouse. We will be bringing our cotton candy machine as well.

A couple ways you can help:

- Sign up to volunteer
- Donate supplies like coloring pages, beads, crayons and markers

Thank you in advance for your willingness to bless those in need.

Scan the QR below to find a link to RSVP by December 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Bob or Becky Durstenfeld at [beckydurstenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:beckydurstenfeld@gmail.com).

### Nicaragua Short-Term Missions Informational Meeting - TODAY!

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