

Sermon Guide

The King is Here: A Secret Life

This last Sunday Alex taught us through Luke 11:33-12:12, emphasizing the wisdom of prioritizing your inner world.

In these passages, Jesus is giving a warning to anyone who chooses to build their life around the perception of others. He warns that this way of living will not produce the kingdom of God in you, but the fear of man.

The fear of man says that God doesn't see you, only people do. But if you choose to build your life on His love in the secret place, you will become the love you receive from Him - a light to the world.

Go Deeper.

Our desire is that every person would be empowered to have a deep and intimate relationship with God. We want people to not just hear a word on a Sunday, but get activated in whatever the Holy Spirit is doing throughout the week. The guide is a tool for you to dive deeper into what God is doing in you and through you as an ambassador of the Kingdom.

You can work through these activations and questions on your own or in a group setting. If you are doing them in a group, take turns leading. After each activation, take time to pray into whatever the Holy Spirit is speaking. It is also encouraged to have a journal and Bible with you.

For each activation focus will be key. We become like what we give our attention to, and one of the best ways to worship is to focus. Often we will ask that you close your eyes, if this helps you focus, then great, if it's something else that helps you focus, then do that.

Before each activation, take a moment to be still before the Lord. These are not exercises to rush through or items on a to-do list to check off. They are invitations to commune with God and to go deeper. Turn your attention toward Him and invite Him into this time.

Read Luke 11:33-52 12:1-7

Questions:

- When Alex said “Jesus is completely obsessed with who you really are made to be” how did that impact you? How did that make you feel?
- In what ways have you prioritized your outer world and not your inner world?
- We sometimes believe that the darkness in us is too great for God. Where do you need to put your trust in Him, and believe that His attention is always greater than your darkness?

Activation #1

In the teaching, Alex talked about how often we prioritize our outer world instead of our inner world. Take some time to ask your Father where in your life have you prioritized the outer world.

Ask Him to show you a picture of what your inner world and your outer world looks like.

Write down in your journal whatever comes to mind.

Ask Him what people you have been hiding from or putting on a face for.

Write down what comes to mind.

Invite the Holy Spirit to come and speak to those places. As you acknowledge them and repent of them, ask Him to bring His love into those spaces. Ask Him to speak to those parts in your heart that need His touch.

Activation #2

How do we prioritize our inner world? We build a secret life on love. Ask God to speak to you about your secret time with Him. What does that look like in this season?

Write down whatever comes to mind.

Make a plan to be with Jesus each day. Time set aside to just let Him love you.

Ways to Pray

We believe that prayer changes things. This week, we invite you as the church to pray with us:

- For George Fox University - that students, staff, and faculty would experience a macro dose of love from God this year and that we would see a revival on the campus. He is already doing amazing things and we are just asking for more!
- For each persons secret life with the Father - that it would be rich and that people would have tangible experiences with the love of God this week.