

**“KINGDOM INFLUENCE”
(MATTHEW 5:13-16)**

CENTRAL TRUTH

- As Kingdom citizens live out the character of Christ daily, they will influence their community for the Kingdom of God.

KINGDOM CITIZENS:

SEASON THEIR COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST.

- God has placed you where you are in order for you to be His representative in that place. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

SHARE CHRIST WITH THOSE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

- Followers of Christ must ACTIVELY seek to bring others into the Kingdom by sharing Christ with them.

SERVE TO REMIND OF SIN’S DAMAGE AND GOD’S GRACE

- Kingdom citizens should live such that for those in sin are challenged and those who are saved are grateful.
- 2 Corinthians 2:14-16.

STIMULATE A DESIRE FOR CHRIST.

- By displaying the character of Christ, Kingdom citizens can create a desire for Christ among those they touch.
- The cross will be offensive, the Christian should not be.

SCATTER THE DARKNESS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

- Kingdom citizens must confront sin not conform to it.

STAND OUT IN THEIR COMMUNITY FOR JESUS.

- It should NOT be a secret that you are a Christian.
- Church cannot be the only place you shine for Christ.

SEEK TO GLORIFY GOD WITH THEIR LIVES.

- The goal of the life of a Kingdom citizen should be to bring honor and glory to God.

KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE: (FROM KINGDOM CHARACTER 1-3)

1. BANKRUPT SPIRITUALLY

- Recognition of our spiritual inadequacy and the depravity of the human soul that results in asking Jesus for salvation and depending upon Him for all things.

2. BROKENHEARTED BY SIN'S DAMAGE

- Grieved at sin's damage to the souls of others as well as our own soul.

3. BOWED BEFORE GOD'S AUTHORITY

- Compliant to the will of God and conforming to the Word of God.

4. CRAVING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Believers must be driven by a craving to be like Christ in their thoughts and actions.

5. COMPASSIONATE WITH OTHERS

- Mercy is more than just feeling bad over the sad estate of others. Mercy – Godly mercy is moved to action by that feeling.

6. CLEAN IN HEART BEFORE GOD

- Applied to the heart, purity refers to single-mindedness, undivided devotion, and spiritual integrity.

7. SEEKING GOD'S PEACE FOR ALL

- Having personal peace with God, Kingdom citizens seek to help others find that peace with God.

8. SUFFERING PERSECUTION FOR KINGDOM LIVING.

- Kingdom living runs contrary to popular culture because the world hates Jesus.

9. SERVING JOYFULLY.

- Rejoice because of great eternal reward and gladdened because we join a company of other faithful witnesses.