



A life of righteousness lived out

Key Scriptures

Habakkuk 2:4 says “Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.”

Matthew 6:33 “but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness”

1 Samuel 26:1-25 “second time Saul was chasing David to kill him”

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

2 Timothy 4:7-8 “crown of righteousness”

Ephesians 3:14-21 ‘power of God releases life’

Philippians 2:12-13 ‘God does the work’

Key Thought

Thought: Christianity is not about what we know, but about Christ’s life being demonstrated in and through our surrendered lives.

Q: What does it mean to live a life of righteousness on the earth?

The word “righteousness” means - “divine approval.” (God’s judicial approval, the approval of God). Refers to what is deemed right by the Lord (after His examination), i.e. what is approved in His eyes.

READ: Everything we are and everything we’re becoming and everything we do, is to be a representation of righteousness. Our very lives are to be lives of righteousness because we are living according to God’s ways and patterns.



Questions for Discussion

1. Righteousness is of high importance to God, as Jesus teaches us that we are to seek it 'first' along with His kingdom. Why is righteousness so important to God? Why is it so vital for us as His followers?
2. We know righteousness is important to God so, where would you say you are at in relation to seeking first His righteousness? What do you think you need to start doing in relation to this?
3. Thought: Christianity is not about what we know, but about Christ's life being demonstrated in and through our surrendered lives.

What would your life look like and what would you be personally experiencing if Christ's life was being demonstrated in and through you more and more?

4. How was David able to demonstrate this life of righteousness in relation to King Saul?
5. Those who live lives of righteousness are persecuted by their own people and those who don't yet know Christ. Why is this the case?
6. If it is the power of God through His spirit that enables and causes us to live a life of righteousness out, then how real and tangible is this power to you? Give testimony to it working within you if you are able.

Practical exercise

Pray for one another for God's power to be released in us so we are able to be the demonstration of this righteousness.