



Sermon Notes – Richard Triplett – 02/18/2024

John 3:30 ESV

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30 NIV

“He must become greater; I must become less.”

Dallas Willard

“The Gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.”

Romans 14:17

The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 6:33

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

John 3:3

No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.

Acknowledge the origin of all things.

John 3:22-27

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized (for John had not yet been put in prison). Now a discussion (argument) arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.”

First settle it in your own heart and mind that I have a kingdom purpose for my life but it's not to build my own kingdom.

Second settle it within me, that everything I receive and is given to me, is from heaven.

Prepare a place for Jesus.

John 3:28-29

You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.

Wait

Listen

Anticipate

Constantly speak to yourself more than you listen to yourself.

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Luke 9:23-25

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?."

It is an upside down way of living: we lose to win, lose ourselves in Christ and find our lives, we decrease and Christ increases.

Rick Warren

"What happens outwardly in your life is not as important as what happens inside you. Your circumstances are temporary, but your character will last forever."