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- **Prayer** - To request prayer throughout the week, please click on the "[Request Prayer](#)" button on our website at cbcks.org. You can also sign up for our email prayer chain by clicking on the blue sunflower button.
- **Service Ministry** - Please contact the church office at office@cbcks.org if you need a ride, grocery pickup, pharmacy delivery, or any other needs.
- **Give** - Thank you for continuing to support God's work! You can give securely online or you can give by check by mailing it to the church (1636 E. Patriot Ave., Derby, KS, 67037).
- **Calvary Kids** - We are beginning a 5-week series around Easter. Grab the whole family to watch videos of songs, lessons, Bible games and our memory verse. Worksheets and coloring pages can be printed from the website at cbcks.org by clicking on the "House Church" tab and go to downloads.
- **Pastor Caleb's Vlog** - Watch for updates and encouragement from Pastor on the website or Facebook.

Sunday Sermon: Motivation to Respond

Pastor Caleb Bowman

Bible Reading: Matthew 13:31-33 and 44-46

The Incredible _____ of the Kingdom should _____ to respond and follow Jesus as your King!

The Value of the Kingdom:

1. The incredible _____ of the Kingdom of Heaven – vv. 31-32
2. The amazing _____ of the Kingdom of Heaven – v. 33
3. The inestimable _____ of the Kingdom of Heaven – vv. 44-46

Discussion Questions

1. How should Christ's Kingdom impact the simple, everyday moments in your home?
2. Why is the Kingdom of Heaven so valuable that you would give "all that you had" (see vv. 44-46) to obtain it?
3. What commonly creeps into your life to distract you and divide your heart away from seeking God's Kingdom and his righteousness first above all else?
4. How can you, when life gets back to normal, keep your focus on seeking God's kingdom first? How can you do that now, in the midst of this crisis?

Prayer Requests

Missionary Report from Early 2020

Dear Friends,

Such riveting days we live in, eh? All of you are currently in your own unique set of corona-circumstances, but I thought it was time for me to send out an update from ground zero—not exactly, but we're much closer than you. We are so immensely thankful to have the blessing and privilege of working here since all of this began—and there is no sarcasm there at all—we are genuinely grateful. These past several weeks have been one of the most needful and fulfilling times of ministry we can remember. I will try to give a rough yet certainly incomplete summary.

Where you all are at now—mass purchasing from grocery stores, quickly rising numbers of cases, new unheard of lockdowns and social controls—this began for us a full eight weeks ago, and it's still ongoing (although stores are fairly well stocked now). What "lockdown" means varies from place to place, but essentially no formal gatherings of any kind, no guests at all within our house or complex, and those who live on university campuses have been unable to leave campus or even move between buildings at times. Empty subways and apocalyptic mask-wearing is the norm. Some have been confined to dorm rooms alone for many weeks on end. Our cities seem like virtual ghost towns.

In the early weeks (late January), physical needs were great. Those of us who had bits of freedom and mobility made deliveries of food, medicine and cleaning products to those who were stuck. It was challenging and creative work, being part of a "taskforce" trying to both locate supplies and make deliveries when people weren't being allowed in or out. People receiving bags of rice or a few vegetables with looks on their faces like it was Christmas day. Things being thrown over fences and hearing "God bless you!" from the other side. My wife spent several days in a hospital changing bed pans and making food for a woman who just gave birth, because she had no family in the country (and the hospital staff was busy with other things). It was a real Acts-like time, where the Church was able to rise up and provide for needs, giving many cold cups of water in Jesus' name.

After the first couple of weeks, the primary need shifted from physical needs, to emotional and spiritual needs. Single students struggling with isolation, loneliness, fear, anxiety, frustration, addiction (screens often being the only available entertainment)—all of this created needs for constant conversations and counseling. My wife and I have probably been on our phones more these two months than we have in the whole last year!

It has also been challenging to provide needful times of worship, prayer, and interaction. I'm not a high-tech person by any stretch, but I'm learning how to host online meetings, how to pre-record and upload sermons and trainings, and how to quietly meet people in corners of a public park for fellowship and discussion. Virus or not, the Church is still God's vehicle for Gospel-proclamation and facilitating growth among God's people—the Church never gets a vacation! I am reminded of the days of Martin Luther, when plagues were sweeping across Germany. He encouraged Christians not to hide and "fend for themselves," but rather to run straight into the areas of greatest need and demonstrate the love of Christ.

Please know that we are praying for all of you and your ministries during this challenging time, and we are grateful for yours as well. How marvelous it will be to one day know how God used all these days of quarantine to purify His church and to make His name great in this world.