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10 Principles

of Kingdom Economics

Biblical Economics

*Proclaiming*

*the Good News*

* *Intro* 
  + *Share about the bible study topic for the week.*
* *Prayer* 
  + *Open up with a word of prayer and invite the Spirit to move during the study*
* *Bible passage/verses* 
  + *Read the relevant scripture*
* *Main points* 
  + *Summarize key ideas and themes for the week*
* *Discussion questions* 
  + *Apply the scripture’s message to people’s personal lives*

“Because God is a

community in unity, God is love.

His love is reflected in our individual humanness as we act justly in

financial areas. As his love is reflected in our communal humanity, we develop

co-operative economics...

As love disappears in societies, economics becomes exploitive, dehumanized and lacking in morality.”

*-Dr. Viv Grigg*

Bible Study Structure

Kingdom Economics

**Genesis 1**

**Psalm 19:1-6**

**Main Points:**

* God’s creativity is present in all things.
* Everything has been intricately designed for good.
* Since we were created in God’s image then we are also creative.

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** What unique gifts and qualities has God given you?

**2.**What special talents and gifts do you want to learn or develop?

**Psalm 139: 14**

**John 13:34-35**

**Genesis 1:26-27**

**Main Points:**

* We are made in the image of God
* God lovingly and intentionally created each and every one of us.
* We all have unique talents and characteristics.
* Because God loves us we have to demonstrate that love to others.

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** What words come to mind when you think about God’s nature?

**2.** Why do you think everyone is special in the eyes of God?

***Look around you! No two people are alike. The diversity of people points to God’s extremely creative nature. Even when you look outside you see glimpses of this creativity.***

***People are made in the image of God. Jesus was sent to die for everyone’s sins so every person is of equal worth and dignity in the eyes of God. Everyone is deserving of economic justice.***

3. Where in the environment do you see God’s creativity?

Week 2: God is Creative

Week 1: Made in God’s Image

**Main Points:**

* As creative beings, God designed us to create.
* We are entrusted to produce and increase with the resources we have been given.
* Like the faithful servant in the parable, God rewards those who work hard.

**Discussion Questions:**

**Main Points:**

* Our God is a God of community reflected in the way he creates.
* There is strength in numbers. Examples: disciples, Adam & Eve.
* We all have different gifts that we need to work with one another as the Body of Christ.
* Cooperative leadership reflects how God does decision making.

***In the Parable of the Talents God shows us the importance of work. Even in Genesis 1 & 2, it is evident that work is a part of God’s design for man as He puts Adam in the Garden of Eden for the purpose of working and caring for it.***

***Do you usually enjoy working alone or with others? God teaches us the importance of teamwork when it comes to work. God intended for people to support one another. Even our work is more efficient when we have people helping us.***

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

**1 Corinthians 12:17-20**

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** Why do you think it is important to work together with others, rather than by yourself?

**2.** Is it difficult for you to work with others? What are some things you can learn from working with others?

**Parable of the Talents**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**1.** Do you think God is proud of your work?

**2.** What are the resources that God has given you?

3. What challenges do you face when it comes to working?

Week 4: Working Together

Week 3: Work

**Main Points:**

* God calls us to lead a simple life where we are not attached to earthly materials.
* Love for material goods keeps us from following Jesus wholeheartedly.
* Possessions take up our time and energy.
* Treasures on earth are temporary but the treasures of heaven are forever.

**Discussion Questions:**

***On TV and billboards we are constantly told we need new and better things. Companies advertise that these things will make our lives better. But in reality material possessions tempt us to spend more money on things we don’t really need.***

***Do you feel like you are resting enough? God is intentional about taking a Sabbath on the seventh day, after creating and working. Just as work is important to God, so is rest. The Sabbath is a glimpse of the kingdom to come.***

**Mark 10:17-31**

**Matthew 6:19-21**

**Genesis 2:1-3**

**Exodus 16:21-30**

**Main Points:**

* God rested on the seventh day to soak in the goodness of all he created
* Rest is glorifying to God because it shows that we trust him even when we are not in control.
* Rest gives us more time and space to reflect on how God has provided for us.

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** What things do you spend money on that you think you can stop buying to live more simply?

**2.** Why should we not

become attached to our

possessions?

3. What are some steps you

can take to simplify life?

**1.** How can you be intentional about finding rest each week?

2. Is it hard for you to find time to rest? Why?

3. Why do you think rest is important for you and your relationship with God?

Week 6:Live Simply

Week 5: Rest

***When we have an item that is of great worth we take extra care of it. Like our personal valuables, the earth, our gifts, and our financial resources are also of great worth and they are to be stewarded well. Even if some things do not have monetary value, they are of great worth to God and in the Kingdom.***

**Parable of the Prodigal Son**

**Luke 15:11-32**

**Main Points:**

* We are to take care of the things God has entrusted us with: creation & material resources.
* We have been given authority over our finances and our environment and we are to manage them well.
* We are only to use what we need and not use our resources excessively.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What are ways that you can make better use of your finances?
2. How can you be a better steward of the earth?
3. Are there any areas in your life where you and your family can be more responsible stewards: time, gifts?

**Main Points:**

* The purpose of the Year of Jubilee was redistribution of property and land.
* God provided instructions on how to treat the dispossessed justly.
* The Jubilee gave everyone an opportunity to prosper due to cancellation of debts.
* We are to give generously because our blessings are from God.

**Discussion Questions:**

***There is a common phrase, “Sharing is caring!” When you learn how God views everyone, sharing becomes easier. God constantly defends those that are not treated equally and expects us to do the same.***

**Leviticus 25: 8-43**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-7**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-12**

**1.** How can you be more generous when it comes to sharing?

**2.** How do you currently share material possessions as well as other areas of your life?

Week 8: Stewardship

Week 7: Equality & Sharing

**1.** Do you have your own land/home?

**2.** How do you care for the land you live on?

3. How do you currently

view your home and land?

Do you desire for more

space?

4. Why do you think God

values land and space?

**Main Points:**

* It is unjust to deny others land.
* Land is an important part of people’s lives.
* God desires households to have their own space.
* Obedience is part of inheriting the Promised Land.

**Discussion Questions:**

**Micah 2:1-2**

**Joshua 1:13**

**1 Timothy 5:8**

***Home is where the heart is. Our homes and our land are such a big part of our identities because it’s where we spend most of our time. Land is a common theme in the Bible and the Scriptures often describe the Kingdom as a land where we will be going to our permanent home.***

**Psalm 100:1-5**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

***Everyone loves a good party. Even Jesus! Parties, festivals, and celebrations are common to all cultures in some shape or form. The Kingdom of God will be full of celebration and Christians are to practice the art of celebration on earth too.***

**Main Points:**

* We are to be joyful in celebration because of our gratitude towards God.
* Jesus often shared about the celebration that is to come in heaven.
* Part of Jesus’ ministry was to celebrate with others as he taught about the kingdom.
* Celebration is an attitude that we should seek daily.

**Discussion Questions:**

**1.** How do you celebrate thanksgiving?

**2.** How can you include more celebration in your life?

**3.** When in your life is it hard to celebrate?

Week 10: Land & Property

Week 9: Celebration