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7-WEEK VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY
KINGDOM MINDSET:
THINKING LIKE Heaven
WHILE LIVING ON Earth
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Matthew 6:33 — “Seek ye first the kingdom of God...”

Kingdom Mindset

Kingdom Mindset: Thinking Like Heaven While Living on Earth

Inspired by the Biblical Kingdom Teachings of Dr. Myles Munroe

Syllabus

Week	Lesson	Scriptures
1	Rediscovering the Kingdom	Matthew 6:33,Matthew 4:17, Luke 4:43, Genesis 1:26–28, Psalm 8:4–6, Colossians 1:13, Luke 19:10, John 18:36
2	Kingdom Identity	Phil 3:20, Rom 8:14-17
3	Renewing the Mind	Romans 12:2
4	Kingdom Priorities	Matthew 6:33
5	Kingdom Character & Culture	Genesis 1:26–27,Romans 8:29, Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:4–5, Matthew 5:16,John 13:35
6	Kingdom Purpose & Assignment	Jeremiah 1:5**, Ephesians 2:10 (KJV),** Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 8:28, 1 Peter 4:10, Matthew 25:14–30, Acts 13:36, Proverbs 19:21
7	Kingdom Power & Influence	

Study Resources

- The Holy Bible
- Books (Myles Munroe)
  - Rediscovering the Kingdom (Expanded Edition)
  - Understanding Your Place in God's Kingdom
  - Understanding The Kingdom, Preparing for Kingdom Experience and Expansion
  - Understanding Your Potential (Discovering the Hidden You)
- Youtube Resources

The Holy Spirit's Purpose, Power, And Person: Insights By Dr. Myles Munroe | MunroeGlobal.com

Week 6 — Kingdom Purpose & Assignment

Lesson 6 is **Kingdom Purpose & Assignment**. This lesson naturally follows **Kingdom Character & Culture** because **God develops our character before He entrusts us with greater responsibility.** Purpose flows out of identity, and assignment is fulfilled through Christlike character.

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- Everyone has purpose
- Gifts reveal assignment
- Greatness comes through service
- Purpose glorifies God

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Theme Scripture

- Ephesians 2:10:
  - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.(KJV)
  - **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

Ephesians 2:10 is one of the foundational Scriptures for understanding **Kingdom Purpose & Assignment**. It answers the question:

- **"Why did God save me?"**
- Many believers think salvation is simply about going to heaven. Paul teaches that while salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8–9), it also has a purpose: **God saves us to live a life of good works that He has prepared for us.**

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Big Idea

Every believer has a God-given purpose and has been uniquely gifted to fulfill a Kingdom assignment.

God never intended His people to simply occupy space until Heaven; He calls each believer to serve, influence, and glorify Him through a unique assignment.

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Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (NIV)

The Call of Jeremiah

Chapter 1 records Jeremiah's call into ministry.

Jeremiah likely felt:

- too young,
- inexperienced,
- inadequate.

In verse 6 he says:

"Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.“

God's response is essentially:

"Don't focus on your limitations. Focus on My calling and My presence."

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What Is Purpose?

- **Definition**
- Purpose is God's original intention for creating you.

Purpose answers:

- Why am I here?
- What has God called me to do?
- How can I glorify God?

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Teaching Point

- God never creates anything without purpose.

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We Are God's Workmanship

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We Are God's Workmanship

Ephesians 2:10

Historical Background

- **Author :** The Apostle **Paul**

Paul wrote Ephesians while imprisoned in Rome (around **A.D. 60–62**). Although confined physically, he wrote to encourage believers to understand their identity, unity, and purpose in Christ.

- **Audience**

The letter was written to the believers in **Ephesus**, one of the largest and most influential cities in the Roman Empire.

Ephesus was known for:

- The magnificent Temple of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World)
- Wealth and commerce
- Idol worship and pagan religion
- Occult practices (Acts 19)
- Cultural diversity and Roman influence

Many of the believers had been saved out of paganism and needed to understand what it meant to live as followers of Christ in a spiritually challenging culture.

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We Are God's Workmanship
Ephesians 2:10
We are:

- Created by God
- Designed intentionally
- Saved for good works
- Equipped for service

Teaching Point

- Salvation is not the end.
- Salvation is the beginning of Kingdom service.

Notes:

- Paul reminds us that believers are God's workmanship—His masterpiece. We were not saved merely to receive eternal life but to participate in God's work in the world.

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Discovering Your Kingdom Assignment

God often reveals purpose through:

- Spiritual gifts
- Passions
- Life experiences
- Opportunities
- The needs around us

Scriptures

- Romans 12:6–8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (NIV)

- 1 Peter 4:10

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (NIV)

Discussion

- Where has God consistently opened doors?

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The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14–30

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to
them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his
ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his
money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the
man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who
had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of
gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I
have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man,
harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and
went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather
where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so
that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 “‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given
more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from
them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.’

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The Parable of the Talents
Matthew 25:14–30

From Dr. Myles Munroe's Kingdom perspective, this parable illustrates several key Kingdom principles:

- **Citizens are entrusted with the King's resources.**
- **Everything belongs to the King; we are stewards, not owners.**
- **Each citizen receives an assignment according to God's design and capacity.**
- **Success in the Kingdom is measured by faithfulness, not comparison.**
- **Every citizen will give an account to the King when He returns.**
- **Kingdom influence requires active participation, not passive waiting.**
- **God expects multiplication of what He has entrusted, whether gifts, opportunities, finances, or spiritual influence.**

Teaching Point

- God measures faithfulness more than prominence.

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- **Kingdom Assignment Is Bigger Than Occupation**

Your job provides income.
Your purpose brings impact.

Examples:

- Teacher → Disciple-maker
- Business Owner → Kingdom influence
- Engineer → Excellence that glorifies God
- Parent → Kingdom legacy
- Minister → Shepherd God's people

Teaching Point

- Purpose is not limited to the church.
- Every vocation becomes ministry when surrendered to God.

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Purpose Requires Stewardship

Everything belongs to God.

We manage:

- Time
- Talents
- Treasure
- Testimony
- Influence

Scripture

- Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" (NIV)

Application

Ask yourself:

- Am I managing what God has entrusted to me well?

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Major Themes

1. God Is the Owner

We often speak of:

- my house
- my career
- my family
- my finances

Psalm 24 reminds us they are ultimately **God's**, entrusted to us as stewards.

This connects closely with **Matthew 25:14–30 (The Parable of the Talents)**, where servants are entrusted with the master's resources and later give an account.

2. Stewardship

Since God owns everything, believers are **managers**, not owners.

This affects how we use:

- Money
- Time
- Gifts
- Opportunities
- Relationships
- Influence

Everything is entrusted to us for God's purposes.

3. Worship

- When we recognize God owns everything, worship becomes our natural response.
- We acknowledge His greatness, depend on His provision, and honor Him with what He has entrusted to us.

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Obstacles to Purpose

Common barriers:

- Fear
- Comparison
- Doubt
- Procrastination
- Disobedience

Scripture:

2 Timothy 1:7

> **7** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity *or* cowardice *or* fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment *and* personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control]. (AMP)

Dr. Munroe frequently emphasized that **purpose requires courage**, and courage grows from confidence in the King rather than confidence in ourselves.

Reflection

What is keeping me from saying "Yes" to God?

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Jesus—Our Perfect Example

- **Luke 19:10**

"10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”"

- **John 17:4**

"4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.“

- Jesus lived intentionally.
- Everything He did fulfilled His Father's purpose.

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Kingdom Perspective (Myles Munroe)

- Dr. Myles Munroe often taught that **purpose is the reason for creation**. He emphasized that Jesus perfectly modeled a life lived according to divine purpose.
- These verses illustrate several Kingdom principles:
  - Every person is created by God with a purpose and an assignment.
  - Jesus understood His Kingdom mission from the beginning and never became distracted by popularity, opposition, or personal comfort.
  - Luke 19:10 reveals **His mission**: to seek and save the lost.
  - John 17:4 reveals **His completion**: He faithfully finished the work the Father gave Him.
  - Kingdom success is not measured by fame or wealth but by faithfully completing the assignment the King has given.
  - As Kingdom citizens and ambassadors, believers are called to discover, pursue, and complete God's purpose for their lives, bringing glory to Him through faithful obedience.
- Munroe frequently summarized this idea by saying, **"The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but life without purpose."** Jesus is the perfect example of living—and finishing—with purpose.

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- God created every believer with a unique purpose.
- Our gifts are entrusted to us to serve others and glorify God.
- Faithful stewardship prepares us for greater Kingdom responsibility.
- Our greatest fulfillment comes from living out God's calling.
- Every believer has an assignment that advances God's Kingdom.

Challenge Question

- **If Jesus evaluated my life today, would He find me faithfully using the gifts, opportunities, and influence He entrusted to me for His Kingdom—or merely pursuing my own ambitions?**

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Kingdom Application

- This Week's Challenge
- Every morning pray:
  - "Lord, how can I advance Your Kingdom today?"
- Every evening ask:
  - How did I fulfill God's purpose today?

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Reflection Questions

- What gifts has God given me?
- What burden has God placed on my heart?
- What opportunities has God provided?
- How can I better serve His Kingdom?

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Kingdom Takeaway

"Purpose is discovered in relationship with God, developed through faithful stewardship, and fulfilled by serving others for God's glory."

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Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for creating each of us with purpose and for calling us to participate in Your Kingdom work. Help us to recognize the gifts, opportunities, and assignments You have entrusted to us, and give us the courage to use them faithfully for Your glory. Remove every fear, doubt, and distraction that keeps us from walking in Your will. May our lives reflect Your love, advance Your Kingdom, and leave a lasting legacy for Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. ***Amen.***