

Kingdom Economy – A Kingdom of Sacrifice

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As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- Sacrifice is a harsh word in our culture. What comes to mind when you hear it?
- Who is someone in your life who has modeled sacrificial love for you?

Read Together:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Matthew 13:45-46

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." **John 10:11**

"Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us..."

Ephesians 5:2

Optional reading:

Genesis 22

Mark 5:25-34

Discuss Together:

- What stood out to you from the message?
- What challenged you from this message?
- In the Pearl of Great Price, the merchant gives up everything to gain something better. What do you think Jesus is trying to teach about what is truly valuable in life?
- The message defined sacrifice not as losing something, but as "willingly laying something down for the good of another, trusting God to be the source." How is that different from how our culture talks about sacrifice?
- Did you see or hear something different in the Abraham & Isaac story that you had not seen or heard before?

- Think about the story of the bleeding woman in Mark 5. What part of Jesus' response most impacts you? His slowing down, His willingness to be interrupted, or His willingness to cross social boundaries? Why?
- Sacrifice in the Kingdom leads to freedom, freedom from self-obsession, a deeper capacity for love, and renewed community. Which of these resonates most with you today?

Pray:

Pray for God to show you where He is inviting you into sacrificial love, and ask for the courage, humility, and gentleness to follow Jesus' example, even when it interrupts your plans or challenges your comfort.

Invitation:

Reflect this week on one area where you sense God nudging you to "lay something down" for the good of someone else: time, comfort, pride, convenience, or resources. Then take one small but intentional step toward that sacrificial act of love.