JANUARY 2021 PRAYER & FAST

THEME: Kingdom First

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:33

LIQUID FAST - 6am-3pm then No meats, No sweets. Fast ends on the seventh day after Sunday Morning Service

Prayer Schedule: Tuesday – Thursday 6:am ~ Wednesday 12 & 8pm ~ Friday – Midnight Start to Read: <u>*Rediscovering the Kingdom*</u> by Myles Munroe

DAY 1 – SEEK GOD FIRST

- 1. Read these scriptures: Matthew 6:5-34; Psalms 63:1; Amos 5:4.
- 2. Meditate on Ps 63:1a. How will you apply the phrase "Early will I Seek You" in your life? Early - to dawn, i.e. (figuratively) be (up) early at any task, enquire early, rise (seek) seek diligently early, in the morning (Strong's Concordance).
- 3. Pray to commit to seek the Lord "early" this year.

DAY 2 – KINGDOM MANDATE

- 1. Read Genesis 1
- 2. Define these words from Genesis 1:26 28. Make: Image: Likeness: Dominion: Created: Blessed: Fruitful: Multiply: Replenish: Subdue:
- 3. Choose one of the ten words that you want to focus on for this year and pray about it.
- 4. Insert your name in the blank spaces of the scripture. Then declare it. And God said, Let Us make ______ in Our image, after Our likeness: and let have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created in His own image, in the image of God, He created ______. Then God blessed _____, and God said unto ______"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion......

DAY 3 - SEEK GOD WITH YOUR HEART

- 1. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13; Psalm 51:10 & James 1:2-8.
- 2. Pray for wisdom and to surrender all your heart & plans to the Lord.
- 3. Pray for your family.
- 4. Pray for those who need salvation. Matthew 9:37-38

DAY 4 – KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

- 1. Read Matthew 4
- 2. In Matthew 4:17, we are told to repent, which means to think differently (Strong's Concordance). In what areas of your life is the Lord challenging you to think differently?
- 3. Pray for Pastor Lorraine & KEC Leadership that they would walk in wisdom, boldness, & great grace.

Day 5 – KINGDOM PRINCIPLES

- 1. Read Mark 12:28-34; Luke 6:27- 31.
- 2. Define the following words below.
 - Love:

Heart:

Soul:

Mind:

Strength:

Yourself:

Neighbor:

3. Choose one of the words to pray into your daily life in regard to loving God.

DAY 6 – KINGDOM PURPOSE

- 1. Read Luke 19:1 10; Proverbs 29:18.
- 2. Dictionary.com defines purpose as "the reason for which something exists or is done, made, or used".

Understanding Purpose

The author of The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren, explains that people enjoy five great benefits of living a life of purpose:

1. Knowing your purpose gives meaning.

A sense of purpose gives us energy to take advantage of opportunities, strength to face adversities, and wisdom to handle every situation. When our lives have purpose, we know that we are making a difference—and it feels right.

2. Knowing your purpose simplifies life.

We experience an incredible array of competing interests in every part of our lives. When we do not have a clear sense of purpose, they all look equally valid—and equally confusing. We feel frantic or overwhelmed—and sometimes both! Clarifying our purpose gives us a framework of wisdom to be able to distinguish between things that make sense and things that do not. Life is complex even with a compelling purpose, and it's a zoo without it.

3. Knowing your purpose **focuses** your life.

Instead of drifting in confusion, a sense of purpose rivets our attention on the things we have designated as most important. We become more effective by being more selective. Without a clear purpose, we change directions, jobs, and relationships, hoping each change will finally make us happy and fill the emptiness in our hearts.

4.Knowing your purpose **motivates** you.

Purpose inevitably produces passion. We may not express our passion in the same ways, but all of us—introverts and extroverts, visionaries and managers—put fuel into our life's engine when our purpose is crystal clear.

5. Knowing your purpose **prepares** you.

A clear purpose gives us the incentive to devote adequate resources to planning. When we know our lives matter, we can't afford to assume good things will magically happen. We invest in time, money, energy, and other resources to prepare ourselves to be our best. Our legacy is at stake. It's not that we live to be remembered, but we will be remembered if we make a difference in people's lives.

3. Pray for God to reveal your purpose. Write down your purpose.

<u>DAY 7</u>

- 1. Read Matthew 6:33.
- 2. DECLARE THAT YOU WILL SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.