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INTRODUCTION

- There is such a great need in the Northeast. … one of the great blessings of working in the Northeast, working in New York, is there is never a shortage of opportunity.
- We wanted to start a bilingual church, and so that all peoples could really worship and be edified together.
- It's an immense population in a small area and a great place for the work.

1 The Kingdom Is All About People

Ephesians 1; Luke 15

- When it comes to the kingdom, it really is about people.
- Ephesians 1 makes it clear to us nothing brings more glory to God than his redeemed people.
- Jesus didn't make a persons, he made a people. That's what the kingdom is.
- Our goal is to become redeemed people who seek to help more people be redeemed.
- There are Christians who are here just trying to get to heaven. And then there are other Christians who are trying to get other people to heaven.
- What does God want from you? He wants you to be there to help and to love his people. That's what it means to be a member of the kingdom.

2 Welcome the Mess of Working in the Kingdom

Ephesians 4; Acts 6; Acts 8

- We need to be ready to welcome some of the mess that comes when working in the kingdom.
- Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, but much revenue comes by the strength of an ox.
- We can't do so at the cost of doing the work of the kingdom because the work of the kingdom is messy.
- That problem came because they were doing the work of the kingdom. … They resolved the problem by continuing to do the work of the kingdom.
- Maybe rather than trying to avoid potential problems to feel like we're doing a good job, maybe we should accept that doing a good job will result in more problems.

3 Not Deterred by Obstacles

Acts 8

- Because of what we perceive to be impossible, we limit our efforts and we fail to fulfill our responsibilities.
- We're looking at what should be done and determining what can be done by what I'm able to do.
- Jesus says, with people, it's not possible, but with God, it is possible. So let's continue to use God's scale to determine what is possible.
- Who's in charge of the Ethiopian eunuch? Whose business is that? That's the Lord's business.

- We're not here to change minds. We're not here to transform lives. We're here to courage, we're here to teach, we're here to love.
- Stop trying to do all 50 people's work and do whatever part God has provided you with the opportunity to do.

THE CHALLENGE

With whatever limited knowledge you have, whatever your background is, God has work for you to do today.

MY NOTES