

# Kingdom Vision

Seek First His Kingdom

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The Expert In The Law  
Replied, “The One Who  
Had Mercy On Him.” Jesus  
Told Him, “Go And Do  
Likewise.”

Luke 10-37

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*“Every member a minister...through service”*

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Charles Tice, Shirley's husband, had a stroke. Amanda Oliphant is in need of our prayers. Remember Dawn Dabbs, Denny Kruse, Judy Roark, Clyde Hopper, Brian Deckman, Phyllis Collinsworth, Garry Naylor, Donnis Luck, Nolan Edmondson, Ralph Cope, Helen Elder, Rachel Pyron, Don Johnston, and Bruce Bowers.

### Thank You

I want to thank our Rocketdyne Road family for the prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, and care packages after the passing of my Grandfather Johnie Douglas. He lived a great life-92 years worth-but the best for him is happening now! We love and appreciate each of you, and on behalf of our whole family, thank you again for your concern.

Zac Erisman and the Douglas Family

### Sympathy

Cletus Green passed away at 5:55 A.M. Saturday morning with Carolyn and their three children present. Arrangements are pending. Please keep all in your prayers...



I sound like a broken record! (Good thing records/vinyl have come back into style so you know what I am talking about...) I keep sharing the same events of our Wellness Quarantine!

#### Teen Bible Class

Every Sunday at 11:30am on ZOOM

#### Virtual Youth Group

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30pm on ZOOM

I am hoping to have a Family Game night via Zoom soon if there is interest! Any age family is welcome to attend like they did on the Scavenger Hunt.

Praying blessings for you and easing of the cabin fever!  
Zac

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It always amazes me how Jesus can say so much about the Kingdom of Heaven using a simple story. Jesus' parables teach deep truths in such a way that every listener can learn something about His kingdom. Parables are a masterful way to connect everyone to kingdom truths.

If you read a lot of Jesus' parables in one sitting, you will notice many great themes about the Kingdom of Heaven. Try it. Open up the gospel of Luke and flip through reading just the parables. Notice the depth in the simplicity of what Jesus says. Notice the themes that are repeated in different ways so everyone in different walks of life can connect and learn. And, notice the everyday language used.

One lesson I am always in awe of about Jesus' parables is that he uses "right now" stories to teach. What I mean by this is that Jesus doesn't make up some unknown futuristic allegory to teach about his kingdom. He uses imagery that connects to the everyday, right now lives of his listeners. And they still communicate today! Through his parables he is saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is right now! Prepare for it, live in it, and be blessed by the reality that the Messiah King is here right now!

May we have "ears to hear" (Luke 8:8) the good news Jesus shares in his parables!  
Tye

<sup>9</sup> His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable meant.<sup>10</sup> And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is* in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

- Luke 8:9-10