



**LEVERAGE
YOUR LIFE**

5 KINGDOM PRIORITIES
Sermon Prompts

WEEKLY SERMON PROMPTS

Prepared by Jeff Medders, Send Network Director of Theology and Content

The following six sermon prompts can be incorporated each week as your church studies *Leverage Your Life: Five Kingdom Priorities*. Use the outlines as guides to lead your church to leverage their lives for the sake of God's mission.

Week 1: Leverage Your Life


Week 2: Seek First the Kingdom

Week 3: Deepen Devotion

Week 4: Stick Together

Week 5: Think Multiplication

Week 6: Engage Your City



WEEK 1: LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE

KEY PASSAGES

- 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
- Acts 20:24
- John 20:21
- Psalm 57:2
- Philippians 2:3-11

MAIN POINT

Leverage your life by living for the glory of God and living for the gospel benefit of others as we see modeled by Jesus and Paul.

TALKING POINTS

- Live your “whatever” for God’s glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). We can leverage everything in life for the glory of God.
- Live unselfishly for the benefit of others and for their conversion to Christ (1 Corinthians 10:33; Acts 20:24; Psalm 57:2).
- Learn and live from Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1; John 20:21; Philippians 2:3-11).

CALL TO ACTION

***For whom do you need to live so they can hear the gospel and be saved?
What will you do?***



WEEK 2: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

KEY PASSAGES

- Matthew 6:33
- Matthew 13:44-52
- Matthew 20:1-16
- Matthew 22:1-14

MAIN POINT


Leverage your life for seeing, seeking, and speaking of the kingdom of God.

TALKING POINTS

- See first that the kingdom of God is people saved by Jesus, worshiping Jesus, and living for Jesus (Revelation 5:9-10; Matthew 13:44-52, 20:1-16, 22:1-14). Define and explain the kingdom.
- Speak first of the kingdom of God, the King's work, and the King's salvation (Matthew 4:17, 24:14; Acts 1:3, 19:8, 28:23,31). Jesus and Paul made known the kingdom of God. Seek to spread the gospel message.
- Seek and speak the kingdom in your prayers (Matthew 6:10).

CALL TO ACTION

How you can seek and speak of the kingdom of God in your home, work, hobbies, and beyond? What is one thing you can do?



WEEK 3: DEEPEN DEVOTION

KEY PASSAGES

- Acts 4:13-31
- Matthew 11:28-30, 4:19-20
- Mark 3:13-14
- John 15:3-5
- Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:2-4
- Galatians 2:20

MAIN POINT

Abiding and meeting with Jesus fuels our actions and ministries for Jesus.

TALKING POINTS

- Jesus calls us to be with Him before we do for Him (Mark 3:13-14). Jesus called the disciples to be with Him then preach Him.
- Jesus is the reason our lives have fruit (Matthew 4:19; John 15:3-5; Galatians 2:20). Jesus said He will make us “fishers of men” because we follow Him. We can’t bear fruit or spread the gospel without Him.
- Jesus wants us to deepen our devotion by praying together and being in the Word together (Acts 2:42, 6:2-4).
- Peter and John’s devotion to Jesus was recognizable (Acts 4:13). Is ours?
- Peter and John deepened their devotion to God in the face of opposition (Acts 4:19-20).
- Peter and John led the church to pray for God to make them all bold in proclaiming the gospel (Acts 4:23-31).
- The Holy Spirit answered Peter and John’s prayers and made them strong in the mission and strong in devotion to one another (Acts 4:32-37).

CALL TO ACTION

In what ways do you need to give priority to prayer and to the Word? Whether it’s in a small group or before Sunday services, find a time to pray with other Christians about seeking the kingdom of God and leveraging your lives for God’s purposes.



WEEK 4: STICK TOGETHER

KEY PASSAGES

- Colossians 4:2-18
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
- Acts 13:2-3
- 1 Corinthians 12:26
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Romans 12:1-2

MAIN POINT

To leverage your life for the kingdom, it must be leveraged together with other Christians.

TALKING POINTS

- Show how the Christian life is a communal life. Only four of Paul's thirteen letters are written to individuals about specific situations (Titus, Timothy, and Philemon). The bulk of the New Testament letters are written to a missional and communal context.
- Stick together in prayer and thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).
- Stick to praying for the ministry of others (Colossians 4:3-4).
- Stick to sacrificing and sending for the good of others (Colossians 4:7-9). Paul sent these men who meant a great deal to him but would serve the Colossians.
- Stick to honoring and empowering one another for mission (Colossians 4:10-14).
- Stick to serving and partnering with other local churches (Colossians 4:15-16).
- Stick to encouraging and remembering one another (Colossians 4:17-18).

CALL TO ACTION

Encourage one person in the church that you see serving the Lord faithfully. Thank God for them and share with them how you see God at work in their life.



WEEK 5: THINK MULTIPLICATION

KEY PASSAGES

- Acts 13:1-5
- Genesis 1:27-28, 8:16-17, 22:17
- Acts 1:8, 6:7
- Revelation 7:9-10
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Matthew 28:18-20

MAIN POINT


We leverage our lives and local church for the kingdom by multiplying disciples and churches.

TALKING POINTS

- God has always intended for the Church to be multiplying, evangelistic, and disciple-making (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
- The book of Acts shows us that the Church has always been a multiplying, church-planting movement.
- Churches plant churches (Acts 13:1). The believers at Antioch sent out Paul and his team.
- Churches that think multiplication will deploy leaders rather than detain them (Acts 13:1,3). Antioch was loaded with leaders—Barnabas, John Mark, and Paul—and they sent them out for the kingdom.
- Churches that see multiplication see it from deepening devotion (Acts 13:2). Their work of multiplication arose from their worshiping and fasting.
- Churches that see multiplication know it's the work of the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:2,4).

CALL TO ACTION

Are you ready to be part of the multiplying work of the Church? Is God calling you to send? Is God calling you to go? Is God calling you to plant a church?



WEEK 6: ENGAGE YOUR CITY

KEY PASSAGES

- Acts 17:16-34, 18:1-11
- Luke 4:31-32, 19:41
- Jonah 4:10-11
- Jeremiah 29:4-7

MAIN POINT

Leverage your life for the kingdom by engaging your city with good works and the gospel.

TALKING POINTS

- God wants to show His grace to cities. And Christians bring the news of His grace (Luke 4:31-32; Jonah 4:10-11).
- How do we view the city? Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Paul was distressed by the idolatry of Athens (Acts 17:16). We cannot be apathetic or angry.
- Paul engaged the city of Athens with the gospel (Acts 17:17-34).
- Paul engaged the city of Corinth through relationships, tent-making, and strategic locations (Acts 18:1-3,7).
- Paul engaged the city of Corinth with the clear message of the gospel (Acts 18:4-8).
- Paul engaged the city with the comfort and confidence of Christ's presence (Acts 18:9-10).
- Paul engaged the city with a regular and long-range commitment (Acts 18:4,11). One-time engagements are not enough.

CALL TO ACTION

What relationships has God given you to engage your city? Where has God placed you to engage your city the news of the kingdom of God?