

Sermon Handout

Mark 12:1–12 — "Our Motivation as Citizens: The Overflow of the Kingdom"

Main Point Summary

We live as **Kingdom people**—not seeking the Kingdom without the King, nor falling into fear or complacency, but as followers of Jesus:

- ➔ *Driven by God's glory*
 - ➔ *Grounded in the local church*
 - ➔ *Bringing His truth, love, and justice to our community, nation, and the world*
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1. Don't Seek the Kingdom Without the King

📖 Mark 12:1–9 – The tenants want the benefits of the vineyard, but not the authority of the owner.

- Like the Pharisees—and many today—we are tempted to desire Christian values (justice, dignity, peace) **without Christ's Lordship**.
- But the Kingdom is not just values—it is the reign of Jesus.
- He is the **cornerstone**. All of life and society must be built on Him.

! Ask Yourself:

Am I trying to live a "Christian life" on my own terms, without daily surrender to Jesus?

2. Don't Fall Into Fear or Complacency

📖 Mark 12:10–12 – The religious leaders fear the people, and act out of fear.

- Some Christians disengage from public life out of fear—of politics, of culture, of compromise.
- But Kingdom people are **not silent or scared**. We are **bold, faithful, and active**—not for political power, but for Kingdom witness.

💬 *“We don’t build God’s Kingdom by changing society. We change society by living the Kingdom.”*

3. Let the Kingdom Overflow

🏛️ Where the people of God go, **the Kingdom goes**.

- From preschool boards to Parliament House, from sports clubs to Sunday services—Jesus is King, and **His Kingdom flows through us**.
- Not all our work is Kingdom work—but the **Kingdom affects all our work**.

🕊️ Remember:

We don’t need cultural success for Christianity to thrive. The Kingdom grows wherever Christ is Lord.

Reflection Questions

- What part of your life is most tempted to keep Jesus out?
- Where can you show God’s justice and love in your community this week?