

Ivy Baptist Church
Forty (40) days of THE KINGDOM
“KINGDOM OVER CULTURE”
February 22-April 7, 2023
Tapping in and Accessing the KINGDOM of God!!!

Matthew 6:33: But seek first His KINGDOM and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. (NIV)

The purpose of our 40 Days of KINGDOM (Consecration):

The 40 Days of KINGDOM is first, a time of preparation and devotion to God. The 40 days prior to Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is commonly known as the Lenten Season. Lent starts with “Ash Wednesday” (February 22, 2023) and ends on Good Friday (April 7, 2023). The purpose of the Lenten season is to reflect on the sacrifices of Christ as we get closer to the day Christ was crucified followed by His resurrection. Believers must understand the value of the KINGDOM of Heaven or the spiritual realm that exists. In the spiritual realm are the TRUE blessings for believers (Ephesians 1:3). We are called to pursue spiritual blessings as much, if not more, than we are Earthly blessings. That is Kingdom Over Culture!

The focal points of the 40 Days of KINGDOM (Consecration):

1. **Reading God’s Word to better understand the Kingdom.** Commit to a daily bible reading plan during the 40-day consecration. Download Ivy’s daily reading plan on our website or app to join others in our daily readings. Or create your own plan that addresses your specific needs.
2. **Prayer:** Prayer is a privilege and a tool we can use to access the kingdom of heaven. God DESIRES that His children pray! (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We can’t “tap in” to ALL that God has for us without a CONSISTENT prayer life...both privately and corporately! Each Friday during the 40 Days of KINGDOM (February 24-April 7 at noon EST) there will be a time of Corporate Reflection/Prayer. The Zoom meeting ID: **757 244 5004**. The telephone information for the corporate reflection/prayer time is: **(312) 626-6799** plus the Zoom ID. In addition, Ivy offers Corporate Prayer every Sunday at 9am at Ivy.
3. **Quiet Devotional Time:** The Consecration is about eliminating as many distractions as possible to focus on the Lord. This would include but are not limited to: social media, shopping, how we start and end our days, television, internet and much more. Pray for what you are willing to sacrifice for 40 days so that you can tap into the Kingdom. **The goal is 30 minutes minimum (3 times per day) with NO INTERRUPTIONS. PRIVATE QUALITY TIME WITH GOD.**
4. **Fasting:** If you desire to take your relationship with God deeper and have a more intimate relationship with Him, then incorporate Fasting during this season. It will help you recognize areas of repentance, hear God’s voice, obey with certainty, and begin to know His will for your life spiritually. If you have a specific need, if you desire to have a breakthrough or if you need healing (see Mark 9:29), Fasting is **STRONGLY recommended** during the 40 Days of KINGDOM. Be prayerful about how you will fast and the type of fast you will do (absolute, normal, partial (Daniel, 6am-6pm, etc.)). For more detail and individual information on fasting please contact our church office (757) 244-8165 and speak to Angela Jones or email fasting@ivybaptistchurch.org

5. **A time to connect with others:** Believers are called to demonstrate the KINGDOM of God ON THE EARTH! In other words, believers are to show the WORLD how people in the kingdom of God should treat one another! That’s what Jesus meant in the Lord’s prayer when He said, “may your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. (Matthew 6:10)” What is done in the SPIRITUAL realm should be seen in the EARTHLY realm...through God’s children! We ESPECIALLY are praying for the unsaved and those we seek to have reconciliation from a broken or hurtful relationship.

Who would you like to see saved or who do you need to reconcile a relationship with during the 40 days?

Name	Relationship to You

Weekly Corporate Prayer Targets

Dates	Corporate Prayer Targets
February 22-25, 2023	Prayer Focus: To desire the Kingdom of God above all else, through repentance and forgiveness.
February 26-March 4, 2023	Prayer Focus: For God to reveal to me my Kingdom purpose for life and ministry.
March 5-March 11, 2023	Prayer Focus: For God to use me to share and show the Kingdom of God to others. Thy Kingdom come!
March 12-March 18, 2023	Prayer Focus: For God to surround me with kingdom minded people. One’s who keep me focused and accountable to God.
March 19-March 25, 2023	Prayer Focus: For the Ivy family to grow in the Kingdom. For our focus to be on HIM and not traditions, customs, or rituals.
March 26-April 1, 2023	Prayer Focus: For God to repair any broken relationships I may have in my life.
April 2-7, 2023 Passion Week)	Prayer Focus: For salvation (the kingdom to come) to the unsaved.

Personal Prayer Targets

**This season is for YOU to have a genuine desire for a deeper and intimate relationship with God.
Building/Restoring YOUR relationship with Him.**

It begins with:

Repentance “I’m Sorry from a heartfelt place” Not just lip service.

Forgiveness “Please Forgive Me for Sinning against You”. Be specific, He knows but He wants us to admit it.

Reconciliation “Now let’s work on our relationship by communicating (praying/listening) and removing the distractions that keep us from spending time with the Lord and working on our sinful ways.”

Prepare yourself to fast **Mentally every day** (know your weakness/enemy and put on your Armor) Ephesians 6:10-18

Scripture to stay **Focus** (Encouragement to keep going...Your Why) example: 1 Peter 5:8-11

Scripture to see **it through** (Don’t give up restoration is at hand) example: Galatian 6:7-9 vs 9 is key.

Area of Concern/Sin	Scripture of Reference (s) “What God Says about this Sin”	Scripture reinforcement to keep you focused
Example: Gluttony-lust of self-indulgence, lust of flesh	Ezekiel 16:49 Now this is the sin of your sister Sodom; She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 1 Corinthians 6:10	John 6:35 I am the bread of life, Come to me and you will not hunger. 1 Peter 2:2 Desire the sincere spiritual milk of the word. Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Prayer Time: Lord, please help me with gluttony, where I lust for food to satisfy my flesh and cover my low self-esteem. Remove the lust of self-indulgence from me and put in your truth and the spirit of self-control, that I may honor my body as the place you dwell. Make this personal in your pray time.		
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Get yourself a journal and write the above areas down so you can keep track of your time with God. Go the extra mile to research the names of God so your prayers can become more intimate as your relationship deepens.

During this season of FASTING, restoring your spiritual relationship with God will build you and help restore other relationships also. Keeping a track will help you identify your time with God and how he reveals Himself in those areas.

Look for the changes in yourself and the testimony at the end of the 40 Days of Kingdom.