

# Beyond Sunday with Scripture Reference

## Kingdom Seeker

### A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

#### Message & Prayer Focus

Equipped To Serve

*"Father, thank you for creating me with purpose. I ask that you strengthen and encourage me, by your Holy Spirit, to live in that purpose for you. Open my heart to fully receive all that you have for me in this message, and to live it as a light for others to see as well, in Jesus' name. Amen."*

#### Key Concepts/Truths

God did not just save us from something, He saved us to something—His purpose for us. He wants us to be useful in the way that He created us in His Kingdom. If we're praying for something, we need to be willing to be part of God's answer to that prayer.

Life's purpose is to love God and love others. We can't understand the purpose of life without knowing our Creator because our purpose starts with Him. Understanding our purpose without a relationship with Him is impossible.

What you are is God's gift to you, but what you do with what you are is your gift to God.

Church is an all-skate event and a full-contact sport. Life is not always sunshine and roses, but God calls us to love and serve people out of the gifts He's given us and the strength that we have in Him.

"The good life" is not just taking care of and doing everything for ourselves. The good life is when we are walking in the good works that God has planned for us, serving Him and others out of love.

A life devoted to material things is a dead life. Seeking the Kingdom of God first, over the kingdom of ourselves, will have our lives re-prioritized in a healthy and life-giving way.

If we don't have a vision of where we are heading, we will simply reflect the culture around us. We should keep our eyes on the prize. When we know our life's purpose, and live by it, we will move forward despite setbacks, confusion, and disappointment. If we aren't careful, we can get caught up in bad culture around us, allowing our love for the things of God to grow cold, ultimately making us ineffective in the Kingdom.

God has called us to be participants in what His Kingdom is doing. We will all stand before God to answer what we did with Jesus, and what we did for Jesus. We aren't saved by the works we've done, but we will be rewarded by the works we have done to build God's Kingdom.

**Key Verses:**

Revelation 4:11 • Revelation 20:11-15, • 22:12 • Matthew 22:38-39 • 2 Timothy 1:9 • Ephesians 2:10 • Ephesians 4:11-13 • Romans 12:1 • Colossians 1:15 • Matthew 6:33 • Matthew 24:12 • Hebrews 11:26 • Galatians 3:10 • 1 Timothy 4:10

**Daily Application**

Every single one of us, without exception, has received grace and been given a gift from God. It then becomes our responsibility to embrace what God has placed inside of us, take ownership of it, and do our best to use that special gift to meet the needs of one another. God, the Creator of the universe, has entrusted so much to us by placing those special gifts in our life and He is depending on us to be faithful with that responsibility.

If we're constantly waiting for our own type of "perfect conditions" to appear, in order to get started serving God and others, we will never get anything done. There is always something from health, preferences, work, or education that tries to stand in the way and keep us from doing the things that God intended for us. We need to recognize that we have already been called to do the things that God has planned for us, despite our self-image, and if He has called us to do them then He has also equipped us to do them.

In the pursuit of walking in those good works that God has planned for us, it's so important that we surround ourselves with other believers that will challenge and encourage us. God blesses the things that we put our hand to. As we get to doing those things, we will be led in the way that we should go, all while building His Kingdom. Take some time and ask God to show you the right people who can strengthen and encourage you as you serve Him. It's for all of us to love Him and love others well.

**This Week's Declarations**

"I love God and I love others. I actively look for opportunities to bless others, and God, by using the gifts that He created me with. I have a heart for serving others. I know that as I serve, the Kingdom of Heaven is built stronger, and that Christ will reward me when He returns. I look to encourage others around me to serve, and to strengthen those who are serving to do so even better. I choose to do life in the Kingdom with other Kingdom minded people, working to keep our eyes on the prize: Christ's return, in Jesus' name!"

**What's Next?**

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

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#### **Revelation 4:11 KJV**

...and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

#### **Colossians 1:16 MSG**

...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

#### **Matthew 22:36-39 NKJV**

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

#### **2 Tim 1:9 TLB**

It is he who saved us and chose us for his holy work not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began—to show his love and kindness to us through Christ.

#### **Ephesians 2:10 TLB**

...he planned that we should spend these lives helping others.

#### **Romans 12:1 TEV**

Now you belong to Him...that you might be useful in His service.

#### **Matthew 9:38 ESV**

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

#### **Ephesians 2:10 AMPC**

...that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

#### **Romans 14:17 NKJV**

...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

#### **Proverbs 11:28 MSG**

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A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree.

#### **Matthew 6:33 NKJV**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Matthew 24:12 KJV**

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

**Hebrews 11:26 NKJV**

esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt...

**Revelation 22:12 MSG**

Yes, I'm on my way! I'll be there soon! I'm bringing my payroll with me...

**Revelation 22:12 MSG**

...I'll pay all people in full for their life's work.

**John 21:3 NKJV**

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also."...

**Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV**

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Mark 10:43 MSG**

...Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.

**Galatians 6:10 GW**

Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers

**1 Timothy 4:10 Sparking Gems 2**

Every single one of you without exception has received a grace-given gift from God. Embrace what God has placed inside you. Take ownership of it, and do your best to use that special gift to meet the needs of one another. God has entrusted a lot to you by placing those special gifts in your life, and He is depending on you to be faithful with this great responsibility.

**Ephesians 2:10 ESV**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Ecclesiastes 11:4 TLB**

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

**Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry...

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**2 Samuel 23:11 NKJV**

And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils.

**2 Samuel 23:11-12 NKJV**

...So the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.

**Numbers 23:23 NIV**

There is no divination against Jacob, no evil omens against Israel.