



MESSAGE 1: INTRODUCTION TO A KINGDOM MAN

# WANTED: KINGDOM MAN

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE:** Ezekeil 22:30

"I searched for a man among them who would repair the wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land so that I might not destroy it, but I found no one."

**MESSAGE GOAL:** The goal of this introductory message for Kingdom Man is to share with the audience the difference between a Kingdom Man and all others. Christian character and leadership is based upon God's standards and not our own. In other words, don't run with haste into a battle that you're not prepared for, but equip yourself with the skills, gifts and blessings that only God alone can provide to you and your family. In Ezekiel 22:30 God is crying out for a Kingdom Man so that He would not have to destroy a people, today we are lacking Kingdom men and, as a result, we are destroying ourselves.

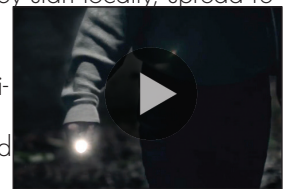
**SERMON IDEAS:**

- Begin by showing the statistics on fatherlessness in America; roughly 70% of all prisoners come from fatherless homes, and 80% of all rapists. Fatherless homes produce 71% of high school dropouts and 63% of teen suicides.
- Outline the Kingdom of God. In Mark 1:15 Jesus makes mention of the kingdom of God. What does this kingdom look like and how are we to live under the authority and rule of God.
- God makes man & woman in His image (Genesis 1:26), how does being made in His image equip us for ministry, worship, works.
- Adam, where you at? Adam lost control of his domain shortly after having received it. Reflect on the fall in the garden and lead the congregation through the progress of the fall. Misplaced trust, pride, shame, and then the refusal for Adam to stand up and admit that they had sinned against God.

**INTRODUCTION:** The game of basketball has been set up to be played on a 97 foot court, with the free throw line 15 feet away from the backboard. The net is 10 feet above the court and has an 18" diameter. These standards ensure that the game of basketball is played amidst the standards set forth by the NBA, NCAA, Olympics, and other governing sport

bodies. Without these standards the game would be changed and would not have the same credibility, honor, or prestige that the NBA Championship, or Team USA has enjoyed within the sport. Standards can be raised, but more often than not they are lowered. This would put the court out of regulation, and would limit the game or players on the court.

God has a standard. He has a goal. His kingdom is that goal. Yet many men have lowered His standard and then congratulated themselves for being able to dunk the ball. The results of a low standard on the court affect many more people than just the men playing. They affect us all. They start locally, spread regionally, grow nationally, and destroy culture around the world. Just look around our homes, churches, communities, and globe to discover that men – maybe even most men – have missed the goal to live as Kingdom men.



**VIDEO OPTION:** Play "Kingdom Man Trailer" found within your Leader Kit. Use the Trailer to introduce the congregation to the standard of God. He will not lower His standard to us, but invites us to rise to Him.

Continue the introduction by explaining that over the next six weeks you will be looking into the concept of what it means to be part of God's kingdom. Explain how the husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children will learn about the biblical standard God is calling men to within the home. The standard by which women should long for, children need, and men are constantly trying to achieve is God's standard.

**POINT #1:** You have been commissioned by God: Genesis 1:26 – Dominion is given by God and ushered in through His creation in man.

**POINT #2:** Don't be silent: Genesis 3:6-9 – Adam was silent when God was calling for a leader

**POINT #3:** Commit yourself to the rule of God: Exodus 34:23-24 – When man commits himself first and foremost to living under the rule of Jesus Christ, you can rest assured that God will take care of the rest.

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it is **the church's** problem.  
it is *our* problem.

