

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

Sermon Notes

Title: “Working For The Kingdom?” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 14:1-33

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-12

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
O Worship the King

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might be- come like Him. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #7 and #11, Elder Ed Baker

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder John Tittle

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

“Working For The Kingdom?” from 2 Samuel 13:1-39 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

Yahweh is sovereign over the schemes of men.

I. Working with wisdom? v. 1-20

II. Working for appearances? v. 21-33

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?