



SPACE CADETS

Reclaiming the Margins

Week One Summary

S is for Seek First the Kingdom & Righteousness of God

Many people's lives are so swamped, stressed and stretched that we need divine intervention / radical transformation / urgent deliverance. We notice more and more that "I'm good" has been replaced by "I'm busy" and "I'm tired".

Galatians 5:22-23 - ***But the Holy Spirit produced this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.***

GOOD = beautiful + blessed + beneficial.

Psalms 119:68 - ***You (God) are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.***

STATUTES = God's prescribed limits and boundaries.

God-given limits and boundaries are to be embraced. God's Word and God's Spirit produce God's goodness in our lives.

As we reclaim these limits and boundaries - margins - we rediscover and experience more of God's goodness.

Three key areas to reclaim: 1) **spiritual margin** (our *worship* of God), 2) **relational margin** (our *relationship* with people), and 3) **practical margin** (our *stewardship* of time and money).

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S is for Seek First the Kingdom and Righteousness of God

Matthew 6:33 - ***But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.***

Can you think of a challenge, problem or season you might've avoided if you'd sought God first as opposed to seeking Him later or leaving Him out altogether?

Jesus teaches us to make His Kingdom and righteousness the #1 goals in our life, and promises to add our material and practical needs to us if we put Him first.

Seek first (**zēteō**) - to seek after, to seek for, to aim at...

What is your best effort aimed at right now?

What does your time and money indicate about your utmost priority?

What are you most passionate about?

What consumes your headspace, thoughts, and imagination?

“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...” - this is meant to be more than a prayer. Jesus invites us to make this our greatest passion, pursuit and priority.

Jesus taught and modelled God’s Kingdom and righteousness to us.

God doesn’t just give us a job or tasks to do, but desires us to become more like Jesus.

We think of destiny in terms of achievements, milestones, projects... But God thinks of our destiny in terms of us becoming more like Jesus.

Romans 8:29 - ***For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...***

If I took stock of each of the following areas, would I be able to say that God’s Kingdom and righteousness gets the first and finest?

- TIME
- MONEY
- EFFORT
- HEADSPACE
- HEARTSPACE

What would giving God’s Kingdom and righteousness your first and finest in the above areas look like for you right now?

Reclaiming the margins and overflowing with the goodness God desires for you starts with seeking first God’s Kingdom and righteousness.