

Kingdom Magnet

Series Blurb/Teaser: A new season has started and excitement is in the air. Calendars are marked. Food and clothing are purchased. We invest in the opportunity to join in the experience. Wherever we are, as a community we are drawn together to sing and celebrate. We welcome others and teach them how they can participate. We share with strangers because we are united as one Kingdom. Are we talking about football or the Church? Yes! Join us for Kingdom Magnet, a new series exploring what the kingdom can teach us about the Kingdom.

Series Outcome: Starting with themselves, people will experience, explore and share Kingdom-living in “attractive” ways.

Series Snapshot:

DATE	SERIES TITLE	MESSAGE TITLE	SCRIPTURE
09/26/2021	Kingdom Magnet	Drawn Together As Community	John 13:34-35
10/03/2021	Kingdom Magnet	Drawn Together For Compassion	Isaiah 58
10/10/2021	Kingdom Magnet	Drawn Together In Competition	Hebrews 10:24-25

Expanded Series Snapshot:

09/26/2021 Series Title: Kingdom Magnet

Message Title: Drawn Together As Community

Scripture: John 13:34-35 (Christians known by their love for others)

Main Point: People want to belong. Being a “good neighbor” can shape and change a community as we love those around us. The way we identify as a community is by how we love.

Next Step: Fully participate in Neighbors Week.

10/03/2021 Series Title: Kingdom Magnet

Message Title: Drawn Together For Compassion

Scripture: Isaiah 58 (how we live with and for others)

Main Point: People want to make a difference. Players recognize their potential to change the lives of those who are vulnerable, sick and disadvantaged through charitable work. Christians are called to even more; a life of compassion, justice and sacrifice.

Next Step: Commit and take action to live a more just lifestyle that aids the oppressed.

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Message Title: Drawn Together In Competition

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25 (encouraging one another to live a life of faith)

Main Point: People like to win. The game can only be played if there is an opponent. We can “compete” with one another and “win” by outdoing one another in loving others.

Next Step: Challenge yourself and a friend to “outdo” one another in expressing love to your family, friends, neighbors and strangers.

Some additional thoughts:

There is a low barrier to entry to become a “fan.” You don’t have to buy special clothes or tailgate. You can watch for free if you have the means to watch. But, if you want to do more, there is a lot more to do.

People spend lots of money to go to a Chiefs game (many do so even when watching from home). They hang out with strangers. They share food. They sing songs and repeat rituals that others have handed down. In short, they worship. (Many of the criticisms of church don’t seem to apply to a football game...too long? too far away? they only want my money? i’m not getting fed? times? space? restrooms? childcare?)

People talk about the game. Travel to games. Decorate (advertise) their homes/yard/office/vehicle. They follow the stories and emotionally invest in the outcome of the game and what happens with each player.

We enjoy the competition. We like rivalries.

Cheerleaders. Special music.

“Altars” in our rec rooms.

Excitement for game day.

See Matthew 6:25-34 ; Luke 12:29-31 (NRSV)

When asked about the Kingdom of God, Jesus said it is within us. (Luke 17:20-21) Like a magnet, our lives can attract people to the Kingdom or repel them away from it. Can we align our lives to draw people closer to God without repelling others? What is attractive about the Chiefs? Are there parallels? What are the differences?