

## Prayer?

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## Sermon Notes.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** The Upside Down Kingdom

**Text:** Mark 10:41-45

*"<sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"* **Mark 10:41-45**

This passage involves a request from James and John (sons of thunder - Mark 3:17) regarding a privileged position of power and authority in the coming kingdom. Their request elicits an angry, indignant response from the other disciples. In that context, Jesus talks about true leadership in the kingdom of God.

The beginning reference point for the disciple of Christ: the universe is not a tangled mess of nothingness, but at its core it was graciously spoken into existence by the eternal triune God. Therefore, instead of despair there is overwhelming hope and anticipation.

### New City Catechism

**Q1:** What is our only hope in life and death?

**A:** That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Q2:** What is God?

**A:** God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

### THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM:

1. There should be a desire to seek the empowering presence of the living Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit.

There is an ominous responsibility placed upon these men regarding servant leadership that will extend to the end of the earth and endure to all ages (Matthew 28:18-20). This command/exhortation was given to a group of people that were designated as "uneducated and common men who speak with boldness who have been in the presence of Jesus." (Acts 4:13; Exodus 33:13-15).

Therefore, two operative adjectives in the life of a disciple of Christ are j\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_.

2. A disciple must die to the postulates of the world regarding power and authority. Instead of exercising hierarchical authority the disciples should be called out servants for the glory of God.

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3. The disciple lives under the high calling of being a child of God. They have discovered they are living for the sake of Christ and the gospel (Mark 10:29).
4. As called out people, Christians follow Christ as the "trailblazer" who has gone before them (Roman 8:29; 2 Peter 2:21).
5. There is a kingdom of light and hope (John 1:4-5, 16; Ephesians 4:23-24) and darkness/confusion.

*"For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened." **Romans 1:20-21***

*"Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart." **Ephesians 4:17-18***

*"I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." **Jude 3b-4***

Following Christ will entail the necessity of speaking with broken compassion to the culture around us (2 Peter 2:21-24; Matthew 10:24-25).

*In order to live out the gospel in all that we do...*

- We submit to the Bible
- We are a family
- **We serve others** - We have been both secured by Jesus' service to us and equipped with spiritual gifts, that we might freely serve both the church and the world. Our members are called to pour themselves out in a variety of ways, as well as to consider their entire lives to be spiritual acts of service.
- We make disciples

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the basic fundamental building block for a Christian world and life view and how does that impact our understanding of servanthood and authority?
2. Why are two operative adjectives for a disciple of Christ joy AND desperation?
3. Why "joy"? Why "desperation"?
4. How is serving in the upside down kingdom of Christ informative regarding being a father?

**ANSWERS:** joy, desperation

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# HAPPINESS

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# Hello.

Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

I/We attended worship at:

9:30am  11:00am

I am a first time guest

Name

Spouse

Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State  Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:  Call  Text  Email

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## Upcoming.

### ITALY PRAY FOR

- TEAM 1:** For favor with the community, that many families would be inclined to attend the nightly services at the church they are serving. June 23-July 2
- TEAM 2:** For the women that will be served. That they will feel their love for them and be able to understand and receive the truth. June 23-July 2
- TEAM 3:** For the project in Palermo to build the local church's reputation and develop trust in the community. For the local believers to be encouraged by the partnership. June 30-July 9

#### COMBINED SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Join us for combined services on July 2 at 9:30 or 11:00am in our Sanctuary. The Nursery hallway will be open. All other ages worship with parents. No classes.



SEE YOU THERE.

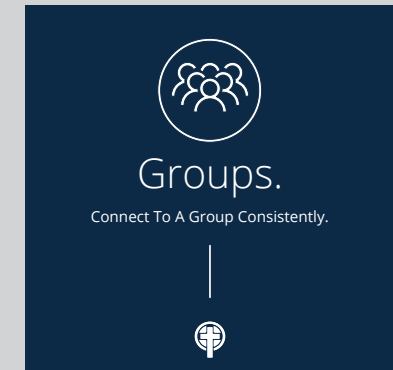
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#### CONNECT TO A GROUP

We still have groups that are happening over the summer, like:

- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Book Club
- College Group
- Grandmother's in Prayer

JOIN A GROUP TODAY.



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#### SERVE THE POOR & DESTITUTE

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## Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 5,133,367	(fiscal year:
Budget Required	\$ 5,379,378	August 1, 2022-July 31, 2023)



## Serve.

Serve On A Team Monthly.

### SERVE AT EAST COOPER

**KIDS MINISTRY SUMMER SUNDAYS** - We give our regular volunteers a break for the summer. We would love for you to help by serving some Sundays this summer.

**PRODUCTION TEAM** - Do you have an interest in helping with lyrics, mixing audio, or camera work? We'd love for you to serve with us. We ask volunteers to serve once a month, for both services. Training is provided.

**WELCOME TEAM** - We invite you to join our Welcome Team as they greet people coming to service and keep our coffee filled.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY** - If you are gifted musically and desire to worship the Lord through that, we encourage you to join one of the various outlets in the Worship Ministry!

### SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**POOR AND DESTITUTE** - There are people in our community in need of our help, both through serving them and sharing the gospel! Serve by partnering with Families Count and Hope to Home as we reach our community.

**PRISONER AND TRANSITION** - Right here at East Cooper, you can reach those in prison through writing and sharing Bible studies with them!

**VULNERABLE CHILDREN** - Every life is precious and you can care for vulnerable children at the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Lifeline Children's Services!

## Serve Today!

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# Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.



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**Traditional Worship and Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

**Contemporary Worship and Classes**  
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

## Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



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**Give via text** by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

## Get to Know.

# Kayla Coston



### COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT ON STAFF

Kayla is from Fishers, Indiana. Through the influence of her local church and grandparents, she heard the gospel at a young age. After hearing the testimony of an older girl in her church, Kayla made the decision to follow Jesus. Kayla joined the East Cooper staff in 2023 and enjoys playing volleyball and video games.