

The Breaking Free Way

Twelve Kingdom Principles That Shape Our Ministry

1. The Sabbath and the Secret Place Are Non-Negotiable

Before Jesus sent His disciples out, He first called them to be with Him. Servant leadership flows from intimacy with God rather than activity for God. Prayer, Scripture, worship, solitude, and consistent Sabbath rest are not optional luxuries; they are essential disciplines that sustain spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical health. Lasting ministry is the overflow of abiding in Christ.

2. Ministry Happens Best Through Relationships

Programs may assist ministry, but relationships are God's primary vehicle for life change. Jesus ministered relationally, and servant leaders do the same. People grow when they are known, loved, challenged, encouraged, and given opportunities to walk alongside others in authentic community.

3. Grace Is the Environment Where Growth Occurs

Jesus was full of both grace and truth. Truth without grace often crushes people, while grace without truth leaves people unchanged. Servant leaders create environments where biblical truth is communicated within an atmosphere of love, patience, accountability, and grace. Lasting transformation flourishes where grace and truth walk together.

4. Evangelism-Discipleship Shouldn't Be Separated

Jesus did not command us merely to make converts; He commanded us to make disciples. Evangelism introduces people to Christ, while discipleship teaches them to follow Him. Servant leaders are called to both reach people and walk alongside them toward spiritual maturity. We believe every disciple should become a disciple-maker.

5. Freely Received, Freely Given

Jesus freely gave His life for us, and we freely share what He has entrusted to us. While ministry requires resources and faithful stewardship, we believe no one should be denied the opportunity to hear the Gospel, receive discipleship, or experience Christ-centered ministry because of an inability to pay. Grace is a gift, not a product, and the Gospel is not for profit.

6. Transformation Is More Important Than Information

Knowledge alone rarely changes lives. Servant leadership is not primarily about transferring information but about facilitating transformation. We desire to see hearts changed, character formed, and lives surrendered to Christ. Information may inform the mind, but transformation changes the person. People learn more from our example than our instruction. Healthy leaders tend to produce healthy disciples. Therefore, we place a high value on personal integrity, spiritual growth, humility, and leading by example.

7. Methods Change, Principles Never Do

Methods are many, principles are few, methods change, principles never do. The message of Jesus never changes, but methods must adapt to reach different people, cultures, and generations. Servant leaders hold tightly to biblical truth while remaining flexible in ministry approaches. We refuse to compromise principles while remaining willing to change methods.

8. The Wounded Often Rise Highest

Those who have experienced deep brokenness and then encountered the grace of Christ often become some of the most grateful, compassionate, and effective servant leaders. God frequently uses former prisoners, addicts, prodigals, and broken people to demonstrate His power and mercy. When properly disciplined, wounds often become places of ministry and testimony.

9. Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much

Servant leaders understand that God often prepares people for greater responsibility through smaller assignments. We do not despise small beginnings, hidden acts of service, or ordinary

opportunities to obey. Success is not measured by size or recognition, but by faithful obedience to Jesus.

10. Forewarned Is Forearmed

Servant leaders prepare people for reality rather than merely inspiring them for the moment. We seek to equip people for temptation, spiritual warfare, suffering, relational conflict, and the challenges of ministry before they encounter them. Preparation strengthens perseverance.

11. Well Begun Is Half Done

The way a person begins often determines the trajectory of the journey. Strong foundations, healthy habits, clear expectations, and early victories create momentum for lasting transformation. Servant leaders invest heavily in helping people start well so they can finish well. FYI **Well Begun Is Half Done but also only half done.**

12. God Often Works Through the Few

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly chose the few over the many. He reduced Gideon's army, chose twelve disciples to change the world, and often worked through a faithful remnant rather than large crowds. Servant leaders understand that God's power is not dependent upon numbers, resources, popularity, or influence. We refuse to despise small beginnings, knowing that Jesus often accomplishes His greatest work through a handful of surrendered people. We focus on depth before width, disciples before crowds, and faithfulness before expansion, trusting God to multiply what is placed in His hands.