YOUR KINGDOM COME

All-in Volunteer Equipping Time

TWO KINGDOMS

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. 16 They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites. 17 Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

TWO KINGDOMS

18 But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me? 19 Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin, 20 he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied.

"Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

22 His reply amazed them, and they went away.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our belief in the value of all people means we will treat everyone with respect.

We will listen and act on what people tell us and help when someone feels unsafe. We aim to be a trustworthy, supportive organisation and care for the needs of people. We want to make our community a happy and safe place for all people.

ONE KINGDOM

- RWVP check and registration with RHC for all volunteers
- Volunteers read and acknowledge the Child Safety Policy and attend annual training
- Use the building safely
- Kids and Youth ministry volunteers are known and (new in 2025) complete a ministry screening questionnaire

THE EXTERNAL GOOD

Matthew 19

16 Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

17 "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments."

18 "Which ones?" the man asked.

And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. **19** Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself."

"I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?"

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

THE OTHER KINGDOM

Romans 13

5 So you must submit to them (the authorities), not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

8 Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.

THE HIGHER GOOD

Physical, relational, emotional and spiritual safety.

People are known.

When things go wrong (and they will) we attend to them with truth and grace.

We operate in team.

A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

- Not intent on power or control
- Not concerned with earthly reputation
- Not putting our own interests or convenience above others safety
- Listening, believing, truth seeking and caring
- Justice for the vulnerable
- Doing the hard/uncomfortable but right things

HOW DO WE KNOW?

If a child or young person isn't safe:

- You see something take place
- A child **tells** you something has taken place
- You see physical signs on their body
- The child draws a picture of, or writes about something concerning
- You notice a big **change in behaviour** (fearful, emotional outbursts, not wanting to leave)

WHAT DO WE DO?

If you are concerned that a child or young person isn't safe:

- Listen without judgement and thank them for trusting you with their story
- Avoid investigating or over-questioning
- Reassure the child and young person that they are allowed to feel safe and speak up if they feel unsafe.
- Don't approach suspected or accused perpetrators.
- Involve the **Police** in matters of immediate harm or risk.
- Report to an elder (if the concern happened in the church context)
 AND Strong Families, Safe Kids.



Our advice and referral line is the first point of contact for child wellbeing and safety.

We have a shared network of support. With your help, we can deliver earlier intervention and better outcomes for children and their families.

Call <u>1800 000 123</u>.

THE HIGHEST GOOD

Our ideal is to love one another.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you <u>love one another</u>: **just** as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

