



KINGDOM EXPRESSIONS

God, in His infinite wisdom, has created every human in His image and designed us with a divine purpose to have a relationship with Him (Covenant) and to represent Him (Kingdom) to the rest of Creation. This purpose, this calling, is what gives humanity its true significance. Our role is not just to exist but to know and love our Creator and carry out the responsibility of stewarding His Kingdom here on earth and for eternity.

The term "Kingdom" in the Bible doesn't denote a physical location but rather **the way of the King**. Instead of thinking of it as a place, consider it as "Kingship," representing **the way of God**. When Jesus prayed, "Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," he wasn't picturing a physical city or castle descending from Heaven. Instead, he was envisioning people living out God's ways in the visible world, reflecting the ways of the invisible realm.

Followers of Jesus are the emissaries of this Kingship to the world. Each of us is to be an expression of this Kingdom. Cast Member Church defines a Kingdom Expression as:



A sacrificial, purposeful, and contextual revelation of Jesus among those who have yet to meet Him.

Let's consider what this looks like for you.

We use a simple pinwheel with eight blades to demonstrate a Kingdom Expression. Each color represents a different characteristic. Four represent **who you are called to be**, and four represent **what you are called to do**.

Let's begin with who God has called you to be.

"...yet not my will, but yours be done." - Jesus (Luke 22:42b NIV)

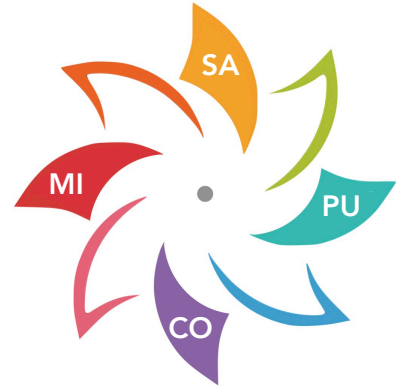
Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?" - Jesus (Matthew 16:24-26 MSG)

1. You are called to be a **SACRIFICIAL** Kingdom Expression. **(SA)**

Just as Jesus surrendered himself to the will of his Father, we are also called to sacrifice our desires for comfort, credibility, and control. Being a Kingdom Expression means allowing Jesus to work in, through, and with us without obstruction or objection. We must be willing to die to ourselves so that He may live through us.

2. You are called to be a **PURPOSEFUL** Kingdom Expression. (PU)

Revealing Jesus to others is not accidental; it is intentional. When you wake up every morning, you invite Jesus to reveal His love, truth, compassion, and grace through you to others. You ask to have His eyes to see what He sees, His ears to hear what He hears, His heart to feel what He feels, and the courage to act as He desires. Over time, it becomes natural, to the point where you may not even notice you are doing it purposefully. It becomes a part of who you are in all you say and do—not in a weird way—but in a way that will cause others to notice.



3. You are called to be a **CONTEXTUAL** Kingdom Expression. (CO)

Jesus calls you to represent Him to every person you encounter. But He will place certain types of people in your life who share a connection with you. They like you, want to spend time with you, and seem to respond to Jesus in you. This doesn't mean they are ready to become His followers immediately, but they are curious and not put off by your faith. Typically, you share things in common with them, such as being from the same place, working in the same office, being fans of the same type of music, or other commonalities. Cast Member Church came to be because of a common DNA among those who worked for The Walt Disney Company. You are part of that context.

4. You are called to be a **MISSIONAL** Kingdom Expression. (MI)

A candle burns brightest in the darkness. The same is true with the Kingdom of God. For this reason, Cast Member Church is constantly embracing those who have yet to know Jesus. We are called to be salt and light in this world. Your most significant Kingdom influence happens among those who might even be skeptical and suspicious about your faith. That's okay. Remember, God has uniquely designed you to connect with them in ways no one else can. What a privilege it is to have Jesus give you the responsibility to represent Him to those people.

Relax; you were born for this, and Jesus will give you everything you need.

Your Cast Member Church family is here to help you find the clarity, confidence, and courage to be that missional Kingdom Expression.

Now, let's look at what God is calling you to do.

As you embrace your relationship with Jesus and live out his will for your life, His Great Commission should become your daily desire.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

- Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

According to Jesus, all of His followers are called to make disciples (learners). The good news is that Jesus has already equipped you with everything you need to fulfill His calling.

Remember:

1. You are called to sacrifice your comfort, credibility, and control for the sake of the Kingdom. (SA)
2. You are living your life with a divine purpose. (PU)
3. You are placed in a context that makes it easier to connect with others. (CO)
4. You are the light of hope in the dark and broken world around you. (MI)

The process of making disciples will look different for each person. While you may share similarities with other followers of Jesus, He wants you to express His Kingdom in a way that aligns with your unique design.

Cast Member Church is always here to help you determine what that means specifically for you.

Jesus will bring specific individuals into your life who will respond and choose to follow Him. For some, this could be just a few people, while for others, it might be many. The quantity is not as important as our commitment and faithfulness to those whom Jesus does bring into our lives.

This will be the beginning fruitfulness of your Kingdom Expression as you gather those who share your desire to draw near to Jesus and reveal His Kingdom.

At this point, the second set of four blades is added to the pinwheel, representing what God has called you to do.

5. Your Kingdom Expression should be SPECIFIC in focus (SP).

The first four blades (SA, PU, CO, MI) help define your unique Kingdom Expression. As Cast Member Church centers on The Walt Disney Company, you can narrow your focus. You can find your niche by connecting with those who share a common place, passion, profession, play, or pain with you. To explore this further, utilize our *CONNECTION MAGNETS* tool.

6. Your Kingdom Expression should be SIMPLE in function (SI).

Following Jesus can be challenging, requiring surrender and sacrifice. However, it doesn't have to be complicated. Frequently, we are tempted to add more. That's why Cast Member Church offers various sources of inspiration, such as *God Conversations* and *3-2-1*, to help you build and strengthen your Kingdom Expression through simplicity. The aim is to keep your Kingdom Expression memorable and easily reproducible. It is always better to keep things as simple as possible.



7. Your Kingdom Expression should be SMALL in form (SM).

Contrary to popular belief, bigger is not always better. Jesus, undoubtedly the most significant leader who ever lived, only disciplined twelve people. His focus was small but immeasurably consequential. Whether investing in one, two, or eight people, your goal should not be to continually add more but to invest in your small Kingdom Expression. This enables each person in your expression to discover their own unique Kingdom Expression and multiply in their specific context. This approach allows you to

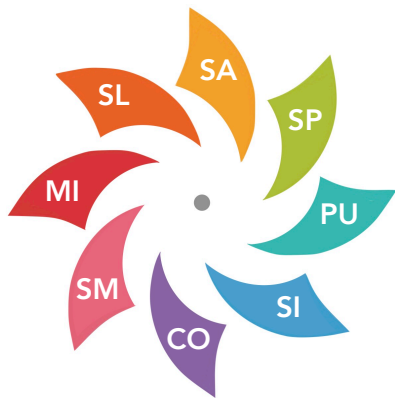
maintain a specific focus, keeping things simple. Be content, and even excited, about your Kingdom Expression being small, and pray that it too will be significant.

8. Your Kingdom Expression should be **SLOW** in fruition (SL).

Humans often crave quick results, but God is never in a hurry. The development of a Kingdom Expression can take a long time and even longer before it starts to multiply. However, this is all part of God's design.

Achieving fruitfulness takes time. There are seasons of planting, nurturing, hibernation, and harvest. Your Kingdom Expression will go through all of these seasons, possibly multiple times. It's essential to embrace the process. Even when you don't see progress or feel like you're moving backward, Jesus is still at work. It's all part of the journey to fruitfulness and multiplication of God's Kingdom.

Remember that your Kingdom Expression will be fruitful if it remains **specific (SP)**, **simple (SI)**, **small (SM)**, and **slow (SL)**.



Your Kingdom Expression goes against conventional measures of success, which prioritize being broader, bigger, and busier. Jesus's way is the opposite.

Cast Member Church is dedicated to setting you up for future fruitfulness by encouraging and equipping you to pursue the way of Jesus. *The key to your abundant fruitfulness is your adamant faithfulness.* Our deepest desire is to help you be faithful so that you can be the fruitful Kingdom Expression Jesus has created and called you to be.