Matthew 13:10–15
10 His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”
11 He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.
12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.
13 That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand.
14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, ‘When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.
15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.’

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father but through Me.
Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Colossians 1:13
13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
Genesis 1:31
31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

It was about WHO would rule their life.

Why be ruled by God when I can rule myself?

But God in His grace and mercy refused to give up on His Kingdom Project.

Most of us don’t think in terms of living on this earth as part of living for God’s kingdom.

"Never forget you’re over there in that country, but your country is the United States. You’re there to represent us. You’re there to take care of our interests. Never forget you’re representing the best country in the world."

We represent the King.

Compartmentalize our faith.

Jesus is reigning King over my life.

He is only King over the spiritual things.
1 Corinthians 10:31
31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

We should look at what we do through the eyes of being a part of God’s Kingdom.

The goal for doing those things isn’t to build our own kingdom.

The goal is to represent God’s kingdom.

We live in this world but we do so with the kingdom of God in mind.
Living out the kingdom of God to those around us.

1 Thessalonians 2:11–12
11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

We become more kingdom minded.