



## THE KINGDOM ADVANCES

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**Big Idea | The Kingdom of God forcefully advances, not by the *LOVE* of power, but by the *POWER* of love.**

### **Matthew 11:7-8 (NLT)**

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? 8 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces.

### **Matthew 11:12 (NLT)**

12 And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it.

**"...the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and it is entered by earnest, eager pursuers of it."**

### **Philippians 3:19-20 (NLT)**

19 They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. 20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

### **Philippians 3:12-14 (MSG)**

12-14 I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.