

Suggested Interview Questions

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Interview Questions for Rick McKinley

Author of

This Beautiful Mess: Practicing the Presence of the Kingdom of God

1. Welcome Rick McKinley, author of *This Beautiful Mess*. Your book discusses what happens when we view our lives through the lens of the kingdom of God. Briefly, can you expand on what that means?
2. You refer in chapter 3 to how you transferred Christ into your kingdom instead of moving yourself into His. Can you offer any advice to new believers on how to avoid making that error?
3. You tell an interesting story about ministering to teens living on Portland's streets by giving them socks and cigarettes. Can you elaborate on that early ministry by Imago Dei or share any stories of the teenagers affected by that ministry?
4. You talk about how the kingdom is silent and seemingly without power like yeast until it forms bread. Can you expand on that concept?
5. While your son was in the hospital you tell us that you began to grasp the concept of the kingdom of God being already here, but not yet. Can you briefly explain this concept?
6. Do you think it is common that God does His greatest work when we are not looking for what that work will be?
7. Managing things as if they belong solely to the kingdom of God is a big theme in your book. Can you give an example of what managing money as if it belonged to God's kingdom would look like?
8. You talk about a friend of yours named Celestin who ministers in Africa. You mention him telling you that Christians outside the West feel sorry for those of us in the West due to our luxuries and how those can distract us from relying on God. How did that statement impact you?

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9. Can you explain some of the shifts you've seen your faith community go through since the first edition was published in 2006?
10. You write that, "I am seeing that Jesus' vision of His kingdom has spread like rays of sun over the city of Portland." Can you share a few stories of how the people of Portland are engaging with kingdom people?
11. Just briefly, as we finish up here, can you tell us about the impact you hope this book will make on people's lives?
12. One of the new features in this book is a small-group conversation guide along with a few new chapters. What excites you about these new features?
13. Where can we find more information about you and your book?

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