



## The Kingdom Club

### WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM CLUB

The club is open to all who wish to visit, but it truly belongs to those who live for the King.

The chief rule of the club is love.

That is not enough for most folks,  
so know that these rules also govern the club:

Do justly  
Render mercy  
Walk humbly

In that all of these characteristics are displayed in the King, he is pleased to pass them on as the rules of his club. Other than that, you are free. Shorts are fine.

Drive your cart wherever you need. And use muligans in abundance. Just do as you would have others do to you.

*Now to the Course Guide.*

Our front nine unveils the King.

Our back nine outlines life in his kingdom.

Enjoy it all!

### HOLE 1 THE DISTANCE



For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. -Psalm 97:9 (NIV)

God has distanced himself from all others in love, mercy, justice, compassion, and kindness. This is good, for our souls would not be satisfied with a god who is no better than our friends.

### HOLE 2 UNCHANGING



"For I am the Lord, I do not change."

-Malachi 1:6 (KNJV)

We tend to grow very excited with the small changes in life, like innovative golf equipment. Greater still is God, who is unchanging. We can place great confidence in the fact that we can always, always count on the attributes of God.

### HOLE 3 JESUS KNEW



Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed... They will condemn him to death and turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life." -Matthew 20:17-19 (NIV)

### HOLE 4 THE IMPOSSIBLE



And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." -Mark 10:26-27 (NKJV)

Jesus was a living, breathing example of God's impossible work. Know that God can do the impossible in us as well.

### HOLE 5 RIGHTEOUS POWER



And this is my prayer: ...that you may be...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

Being "like Christ" can never happen in our own strength. It happens only when we have given our lives to him and he then dwells in us.

### HOLE 6 ONLY THE SPIRIT



So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD for Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD God Almighty." -Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

God reminded even an accomplished leader and builder like Zerubbabel that only by God's Spirit can a person construct things that last in worth.

### HOLE 7 OLD TO NEW



Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! -2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

A little clean-up is not enough to get rid of the sin that tenaciously clings to our thoughts and desires. We need a brand-new suit. This is why Jesus went to the cross—that we might be made new in him.

### HOLE 8 SELECTIVE MEMORY



As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. -Psalm 103:12 (NIV)

In golf, we engage our *selective memory* to forget bad shots and remember good ones. The fact that God forgives and forgets the sins we have committed allows us to step out in confidence in his kingdom, believing in the assurance of his love.



## HOLE 9 GRACE AND WORKS

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

The Good News of Jesus is that we can cling to his righteousness as demonstrated on the cross. By faith, we exchange his grace for our inadequate works.



## HOLE 10 DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus said, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” -Luke 14:26 (ESV)  
There is a comparative surrender we must make to Jesus: because of his greatness, all else wanes in significance.



## HOLE 11 HONOR THE KING

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. -Matthew 20:17-19 (NIV)  
Fear of the King is the fear akin to utter respect. By such fear, we are motivated to act with reverence to him in the things we say and do.



## HOLE 12 GLORIFY

“The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God and I will praise him.” -Exodus 15:2 (NIV)  
In winning the 1999 U.S. Open, Payne Stewart gave the glory to God: “If it wasn’t for the faith I had in him, I would not have had the faith I had in myself today.” We, too, speak best when we speak in praise of the King.



## HOLE 13 FULLNESS

Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.” -Luke 10:27 (NIV)  
Like a great golfer who has “all the shots,” we want to work on all aspects of our life in terms of giving the King the best that we have in our love for him.



## HOLE 14 END ANONYMITY

As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And over all these virtues put on love. -Colossians 3:12,14 (NIV)  
We can end our anonymous inclusion in cultural trends and instead stand out as God’s own when we attend to the virtues that honor him.



## HOLE 15 WITH INTENT

It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good... -Galatians 4:18 (NIV)  
As followers of the King, we are allowed to be passionate when our passions are directed toward God and his kingdom. “Hot” for the things of God, we read in John’s Revelation, is a good thing.



## HOLE 16 HOPE AND PRAY

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. -Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)  
Many people wait until things look hopeless before they go to God. But when we live knowing that our only lasting hope is in him, we are encouraged to go to him for everything, placing our trust in the King who is able to respond with abounding love for us.



## HOLE 17 HIS WORDS

“As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth...so is my word that goes out of my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire.” -Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)  
If you have ever received good golf advice, you know how powerful rich words can be. But God’s words are greater still. We want to be students of Scripture.



## HOLE 18 OUR PURPOSE

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” -Matthew 16:24-25 (KIV)  
Our designed purpose in life is a purpose far beyond golf, business, school, or even moral pursuits. It is the purpose of living for the King and his kingdom.

**A** COURSE TOUR is just the beginning of experiencing what that course has to offer. We must play a course again and again to appreciate all its aspects and learn to approach it in the best possible way. So it is with life in Jesus Christ, the King. Only when we have committed ourselves fully to him will his many wonders begin to unfold in our lives. Only then will we find ourselves joyfully motivated to live each day for him. To find out more about this life, we invite you to spend time on our web site, where so much more will be brought to life for you.