

Message Summary

Big Idea: Our spiritual purpose is to be constantly and continuously seeking God's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is wherever God reigns. God's Kingdom was inaugurated with Jesus' resurrection and with the outpouring of the Spirit. However, the Kingdom won't be fully here until Jesus returns. We are in between the times, and while we're here, we see glimpses of God reigning. However, there are instances where we don't see God reigning fully. (This is called the already/not yet of the Kingdom). So, our job, while we're in between the times, is to work toward bringing God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. For example, wherever we see brokenness, we're to bring healing, justice, peace, and love.

Key Scripture

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Luke 17:21 & 21:31
- Matthew 6:19-20
- Matthew 10:42
- 2 Peter 3:9

Start Talking

- Can you think of a time when you got into a new hobby or passion? What was it? And did you start seeing it everywhere?

Start Thinking

- Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?
- Which word or phrase from the Key Scriptures speak to you?
- Think about the story of R.G. LeTourneau. Have you ever chased something (success, approval, wealth) only to realize it didn't satisfy? What did you learn from that experience?
- How does the "already/not yet" nature of the Kingdom change how you view suffering, injustice, or unanswered prayers?

Start Sharing

- In the message, we learned that we are to seek to bring God's values and passions to the world around us. What are some "kingdom values" that God may be calling you to pursue more intentionally this week? (Examples: love, justice, generosity, peace.)
- Can you share an example from your own life where you've seen a glimpse of God's Kingdom "already" present? Where in your life are you still longing for God's Kingdom to come more fully?
- Who in your life might be part of your eternal impact if you invested in a relationship with them more intentionally? What is one small "cup of cold water" act you can offer this week in Jesus' name?

Start Praying

God, thank you for showing us that our spiritual purpose is to seek your Kingdom. Thank you that we see evidence of your will and your ways being realized here on earth. And thank you that you also give us the opportunity to be a part of bringing your Kingdom. We trust that seeking your Kingdom is the best thing we could do. Help us have laser focus in finding opportunities to make your will realized here on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Start Doing

- Put into practice one "small cup of cold water" act this week in your home, workplace, or community.
- Start the Bible Plan *What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/jesus