



## KINGDOM COME

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Matthew 5

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*As a rabbi, Jesus taught His disciples, or talmidim, by inviting them to make dramatic changes in their lives — to risk new ways of being and doing. Through surrender and practice, Jesus expected His apprentices to become like Him. (Luke 6:40) In fact, the earliest disciples of Jesus consistently identified themselves as followers of the Way (Acts 24:14) suggesting that they viewed apprenticeship to Jesus as a way of life, the combination of right belief and right living. — Mark Scandrette, Practicing The Way of Jesus*

#### **This Kingdom Jesus spoke about:**

##### **1. A New Realm, Order, Administration, Rule**

*Christians will prize what the world calls pitiable and suspect what the world calls desirable. — Michael Wilcock*

*The kingdom, or God's rule, is what brings a person's life into alignment with reality. To live in the kingdom way is to live a real and everlasting life, beginning the very moment you follow Jesus. This means that everything is overhauled or restructured to fit the kingdom way, the new way to be human. — Charlie Peacock*

##### **2. A New Kind of Shalom, Blessing, Peace, Well-being**

*Happiness is a purely subjective state whereas Jesus is making an objective judgment about these people. He is declaring not what they may feel like ("happy"), but what God thinks of them and what on that account they actually are — they are blessed. — John Stott*

##### **3. A New Messiah, King, Leader, Head**

*To apprentice under Jesus, is to organize your life around three basic goals: Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what He would do if He were you. The whole point of apprenticeship is to model all of your life after Jesus. And in doing so to recover your soul. To have the warped part of you put back into shape. — John Mark Comer, The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

##### **4. A New Qualification, Standard, Route, Eligibility**

##### **5. A New Response, Mentality, Lifestyle, Way of Relating**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Can you recall anything from this past weekend's message that was especially impacting or informative?
- What comes to mind when you think of the term "Kingdom of God?"
- How would you describe the make-up of the audience Jesus was speaking to in Matthew 5?
- Why do you think people rallied to hear what Jesus had to say?
- Share some examples of how revolutionary Christ's way of life is compared to life lived on our own terms?
- How would you describe the concept of a monarch's reign? What are the implications? Who is affected? What are the possible responses to a reigning King? How does all that relate to Christ's sermon about the reign of God in people's lives?
- Looking at the 8 beatitudes in Matthew 5, what thoughts or feelings come to mind?
- In what sense are these statements descriptive of Christ's followers now, while at the same time predictive of a future more complete fulfillment?
- Take a few minutes to review Daniel's handout on the following two pages.
- How has this conversation about God's Kingdom encouraged you in your walk with Jesus?

## **GOD'S KINGDOM INVITATION**

**Entry into God's Kingdom requires an attitude of simple, childlike trust in God.**

*Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. — Mark 10:15*

**We come honestly and humbly, aware of our brokenness and aware of our need for grace. It's called "repentance" in Scripture.**

*"The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" — Mark 1:15*

**We are given access by a spiritual re-birth, moving us from where we are into a new Kingdom life.**

*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." — John 3:3*

**No one is kept out of the Kingdom based on their past or their performance. Jesus said to the religious leaders who were full of themselves ...**

*Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. — Matthew 21:31*

**The Kingdom represents a rescue operation initiated by God Himself.**

*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, — Colossians 1:13*

**Christ's Kingdom has nothing to do with domination in this world.**

*Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place. — John 18:36*

**It has everything to do with Christ's reigning spiritual presence within us**

*Nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is in your midst. — Luke 17:21*

**Kingdom priorities become our priorities...and the King himself meets our needs.**

*But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. — Luke 12:31 – 32*

**Our life purpose is to live in light of the eternal Kingdom we belong to.**

*... live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory. — 1 Thessalonians 2:12*

**We worship God with our future Kingdom home clearly in view.**

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. — Hebrews 12:28*

**Those who feel this world meets all their needs, have a hard time valuing God's Kingdom.**

*How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! — Luke 18:24*

**Being sold out to the King means we love Him and follow Him no matter what.**

*We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. — Acts 14:22*

**The Kingdom is what we're inviting the rest of the world to.**

*Jesus said ... "go and proclaim the kingdom of God." — Luke 9:60*

**The invitation to the Kingdom is spreading throughout the world and will do so until our King returns.**

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. — Matthew 24:14*

**This eternal Kingdom will be made up of every kind of person from every kind of nation and cultural heritage.**

*People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. — Luke 13:29*

**We will truly be at home when we enter into the Presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

*... you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. — 2 Peter 1:11*

**History ends with the fulfillment and establishment of God's eternal Kingdom.**

*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign for ever and ever. — Revelation 11:15*