

Day 1 - What is the Kingdom of God?

Jesus spoke 126 times in the Gospels about the Kingdom of God. The New Testament speaks another 34 times to it. We often speak of the Kingdom of God in matter-of-fact words, but do we know exactly what it is? The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:10 and Luke 11:2 has made "Thy Kingdom come" even part of our memory bank. But, when we speak of this do we understand it?

List all of the things that come to mind when you say or hear the words "the Kingdom of God" - maybe what it looks like, who is there, where you've heard this phrase before, etc.

Now read *Psalm 103:19*.

- What does this say about the kingdom of God?

"It doesn't mean that his kingdom rules over his realm; it means that God's reign or rule governs all things. He sits as king on his throne of the universe, and his kingly rule — his kingdom and his reign — governs all things. The basic meaning of the word *kingdom* in the Bible is God's kingly rule — his reign, his action, his lordship, his sovereign governance." (John Piper)

Re-read the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:10 that speaks on the kingdom.

- In light of Piper's comment on *kingdom*, what does "Thy Kingdom come" then mean? (*bring your rule right NOW as it is and will be eternally*)

Read *John 18:36* and *Mark 1:14-15*.

- If the kingdom is not of this world, then why does Jesus tell us often to "repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand"?

"The answer is, the kingdom of God is God's reign — his sovereign action in the world to redeem and deliver a people and then at a future time finish it and renew his people and the universe completely." (Piper)

The amazing thing about God's kingdom is that exists in Heaven right now, but it is also happening through Jesus Christ's life on earth, which set in motion the redemption of His people and the hope we have by His death and resurrection.

Pray that God would remind you today of His sovereignty and authority over the world and all of creation, including us. Thank Him for His reign and the hope this gives those who believe and that many more would desire to repent and believe as well.

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