

CARRIERS OF  
THE  
KINGDOM

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# JESUS AND THE KINGDOM

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- It is the core message of Jesus' ministry.
- It can be said that it really is the underlying theme of the whole of Scripture.
- It is referred to in the NT 259 times/224 times in the gospels/130 times in Matthew.
- Jesus began His ministry with it – “Repent, for the Kingdom...is near” (Mt.4:17).

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- His Sermon on the Mount (Mt.5-7) is loaded with Kingdom truths and principles.
- His parables reveal insights about the Kingdom.
- He spoke about the Kingdom w/His disciples after the resurrection for 40 days (Acts 1:3).
- It is spoken of 35 times in other letters/8 times in Acts/7 in Revelation.

WHAT IS THE  
KINGDOM OF  
GOD?

**“Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.”**

**~ Matthew 6:10**

**“Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”**

**~ Luke 10:8,9**

***As in Heaven...so on Earth!***

In Heaven, God's character and ways are on full display. His Presence is experienced in a real way. God desires to express His character, ways and Presence practically through His people to those who need to be touched by Him!

***As in Heaven...so on Earth!***

GOD DESIRES FOR US TO CARRY HIS KINGDOM  
IN AND THROUGH OUR LIVES SO HE CAN  
TOUCH OTHERS THROUGH US!

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## The Book of Acts

*Praying*

*Obeying*

*Serving*

*Sharing*

*Disciplining*

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: PRAYING

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” ~ Acts 1:14

“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.”

~ Acts 12:5

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: **PRAYING**

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”

~1 John 5:14-15

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: PRAYING

*Prayer transforms the “spiritual atmosphere”  
opening the door for God’s intervention and  
redemption!*

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: **OBEYING**

“And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him...”

~ Acts 8:29-20

“And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” ~ Acts 10:19-20

CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM:  
**OBEYING**

*Obedience is the engine of transformation!*

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: **SERVING**

“Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick

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out from among you seven men of good  
repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom  
we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote  
ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the  
word.” And what they said pleased the whole  
gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of  
faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and  
Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: SERVING

Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.”

~ Acts 6:1-7

CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM:  
**SERVING**

SERVING BUILDS A BRIDGE THAT  
ALLOWS JESUS TO WALK FROM YOUR  
LIFE INTO THE LIFE OF  
ANOTHER IN NEED!

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: SHARING

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: SHARING

and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: **SHARING**

And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them.

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: SHARING

And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.”

~ Acts 16:25-34

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: SHARING

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ~ Matthew 9:36-38

CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM:  
**SHARING**

WE MUST SHARE THE GOSPEL AS MORE  
PEOPLE LONG TO KNOW JESUS THAN  
WE CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE!

# CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM: **DISCIPLING**

“...and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...” ~ Acts 6:7

“So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul...he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.” ~ Acts 11:25-26

CARRIERS OF THE KINGDOM:  
**DISCIPLING**

REPRODUCING THE CHARACTER, WAYS  
AND MISSION OF JESUS IN THOSE GOD  
BRINGS AROUND YOU, EXPECTING  
THEM TO MULTIPLY THE SAME IN  
OTHERS.



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Where can you be a  
carrier of the Kingdom today?

*In your family?*  
*In you neighborhood?*  
*Among your friends?*  
*In your vocation?*  
*In the nations?*

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How can you be a carrier of the Kingdom?

***Praying***

***Obeying***

***Serving***

***Sharing***

***Disciplining***