

The Kingdom of God part 1 handout

The Advancing Kingdom

1. What is the kingdom from a Biblical perspective?

- A. Kingdom is a base or foundation of power, royalty, rule, reign, a sovereign.
- B. Why did they preach the kingdom of heaven is at hand, Beginning with John the BAPTIST? Matthew 3:1-3 (NKJV)
- C. He told them they had to prepare and make way for the Kingdom of heaven.
- D. From the beginning of Jesus' ministry he preached the kingdom of heaven and to make way for it, God's people must repent.
- E. That yoke wasn't with Rome who ruled over them.
- F. Their oppression was not so much with the outsiders.
- G. Jesus the Messiah came to restore God's people to the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)
- H. Jesus said to take His Yoke upon them, that His yoke is lighter.
- I. His disciples were not just called to follow Him, they were called into His kingdom.
- J. The Gospel was first preached as the Gospel of the kingdom.
- K. Preaching good news without kingdom power and rule is a false gospel. Matthew 9:35 (NKJV)
- L. The devil would like nothing more than a Gospel without power and sovereign rule.
John 14:30 (NKJV)
- M. He's known as the prince of the power of the air. Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV)
- N. He tried to tempt Jesus by offering his kingdom if Jesus would worship him. Matthew 4:8-10 (NKJV)

2. Spiritual war is taking place between two kingdoms.

- A. The kingdoms at war are the kingdoms of darkness and the kingdom of light.
- B. God hid His kingdom and hides His Kingdom from those in devil's kingdom in order to overthrow it. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8 (NKJV)
- C. The Gospel of the kingdom was preached to make way for the Kingdom, at the beginning of the kingdom and will be preached until the end of the devil's worldly kingdom.
- D. The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the end times in preparation for the King of the kingdom's physical return. Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)
- E. The Devil's not on the offensive, he's on the defensive.
- F. We're not holding off the devil, he's trying desperately hold us off. Matthew 16:17-19

G. Notice it's upon the rock of revelation, like Peter just had, about Jesus being the Messiah, that Christ will build His church.

H. Kingdom preaching is revelation preaching and teaching.

I. The Kingdom of God is invading the kingdoms of this world. Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)

J. Jesus came as a kingdom destroyer. His purpose is to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (NKJV)

K. The church must get out of the defensive mode and into the offensive mode.

L. The kingdom message is a victory message.

M. Unhealed victims are unqualified to serve as soldiers in God's army.

N. He came to bring heaven - to invade the earth with heaven's power, heavens provision, and heaven's reign.

O. Jesus is the King of the kingdom - not you or me. Jesus isn't just our friend, He's our sovereign king. If He's not Lord of all, He's not Lord at all.

P. Jesus told stories that revealed the nature and likeness of his kingdom. Matthew 13:10-17 (NKJV)

Q. The kingdom comes at a price because of its great value. Matthew 13:44-46 (NKJV)

3. His kingdom begins with Peace

A. The Prince of peace came to bring peace on earth.

B. Peace 1515- to join, prosperity peace, quietness, rest, set at one.

C. God has called us to peace. 1Co. 15:15 ...But God has called us to peace.

D. Peace stabilizes both the heart and mind. Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

E. Until we have kingdom desires and affections, we won't have inner heart peace. Col.3:15 let the peace of God rule in your heart

F. Peace is essential to sanctification and wholeness.

1Thes. 5:23 says the God of peace sanctifies us wholly body soul and spirit.

G. Peace was so important that God named the city of His people the city of peace.

H. Peace is the foundation God's blessing is built upon.

I. The word peace actually includes prosperity. There can be no real spiritual prosperity without peace.