

How do We Get Others to Live in the King's Way (Kingdom)

Matthew 7:13–14 (NLT) *The Narrow Gate* ¹³ “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

We Should Care That Others Move Into The Kingdom

Matthew 9:36–38 (NLT) ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

Luke 19:41–44 (NLT) *Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem* ⁴¹ But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

Mark 12:29–31 (NLT) ²⁹ Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) ⁹ The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

John 3:16–17 (NLT) ¹⁶ “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 10:10–11 (NLT) ¹⁰ The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

- ◆ How do we pass on the Kingdom to those Christians coming up behind us, and how do we pass on the Kingdom to those who have not entered the Kingdom?
- ◆ If we do care...How do we get others into the Kingdom?

To figure out how to pass on the kingdom, lets first analyze the thoughts or perspective of those who have not decided to follow Jesus or move-into-His-kingdom.

Obstacles For People To Come Into Salvation & The Kingdom:

A. They Want Sin

John 3:16–20 (NLT) ¹⁶“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

James 1:14–15 (NLT)

¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

2 Thessalonians 2:12 (NLT) ¹² Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.

B. They Don’t Believe

John 16:9 (NLT) ⁹ The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (NLT) ³ If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Romans 1:18–20 (NLT) *God’s Anger at Sin* ¹⁸ But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. ¹⁹ They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Deuteronomy 4:29 (NLT) ²⁹ But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.

C. They Don’t Want To Be Under Moral Authority (God, The Word, or Religious Leaders)

Romans 13:1–2 (NLT) (*Respect for Authority*) Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. ² So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

How Do We Influence Others To Live In The Kingdom?

1. Live It!...
2. Say It!...
3. Pray It!...