

## **Kingdom Culture (renewal of all things)**

### **The Kingdom (Here and not yet)**

Key point: God's changing the world and going to use you and your community to do it

### **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream**

-Paraphrase Daniel 2:24-43 (Metal Statue and the Rock)

#### **-Daniel 2:44-45**

44 "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. 45 This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.

-Jesus' ministry started by getting baptized (the holy spirit descended and his father said 'this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased) then the spirit sent him into the wilderness to be tempted and fast for 40 days. When this commissioning was done he went into Nazareth 'full of the Holy Spirit and...

#### **-Luke 4:16-19 (Isaiah 61)**

16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,

19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

-For the next few months we're going to be talking about this kingdom that wasn't built by humans and how it impacts us and our community and what makes it so different. So much of the new testament and many old testament prophecies distill the kingdom into digestible phrases.

## **Kingdom values (Manifestation and application of Love)**

-Jesus modeled this new kingdom, taught about it and empowered his followers to do the same. None of this should be seen as being exhaustive but I want to highlight some key values that have been important to Church on the Hill and the wider vineyard movement.

**-Compassionate Ministry:** We see Jesus constantly interacting with people that were ostracized by the religious leaders and roman government. (Can anyone remember a time where Jesus had time for people that didn't have a voice?)

**-Everyone Gets to Play:** Jesus empowers his followers with gifts and fruit of the holy spirit that impact the community around us. This kingdom isn't meant to be built on our effort or intelligence (This is how we get the worst parts of Religion) but instead we 'partner with the Holy Spirit'. We rely on him for our prayer needs, supernatural provision, the ability to have self control or compassion or the ability to share in the work (who's in charge of the AC oh its us)

**-Personal Encounter:** At some point in our journey of faith, it has to become individually real to us. (Tangibly, mentally, emotionally and communally) This is called revelation or apocalypse, when God makes himself real and makes himself known in an area of our lives. This can happen in worship, or in prayer, or around a dinner table or in the presence of a close friend but we have got to set these experiences before us as goals.

**Prayer Focus: Start in me Lord.**