

Kingdom Community

Preamble - Kingdom Come our theme for 2022

Kingdom is central

Beginning of ministry - John the Baptist, Jesus & Peter

Primary ministry - 100 references

End of ministry - last 40 days

Apostles continued - 30 references in NT

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. **Acts 8:12**

Define Kingdom: The Kingdom of God is the realm over which God reigns as supreme and Jesus Christ is King. It's the manifestation of the values and will of God.

- This can be in a person, marriage and family
- The kingdom of God can manifest in a community of believers and begin influencing the neighbourhoods where they live

Recap

- Kingdom come - God's rule and reign
- Kingdom come - Repentance, a different way of thinking
- Kingdom come - In our streets and communities
- Kingdom come - Healing Signs and wonders
- Kingdom come - God with us
- Kingdom come - Seek his righteousness
- Kingdom come - Follow Jesus not riches

Introduction - Kingdom Community

Moving from organisational structures to relational

1. We belong to a relational Kingdom

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matthew 4:19

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. [36] When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" [37] When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. [38] Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" [39] "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him.... **John 1:35-39**

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **John 17:3**

Eternal life means to know and experience you as the only true God, and to know and experience Jesus Christ, as the Son whom you have sent. **John 17:3 TPT**

- The Kingdom of God is beautifully relational
- Selfishness caused brokenness and separation
- The Father sent the Son so humans could be reconciled to the Father
- We come into relationship with him and it changes our perspective and our outlook

2. Jesus brought us a revelation of God as Father

- Introducing people not only to God but to Father
- In his last discourses in John's gospel. Jesus refers to God 4 times but forty times he refers to him as Father
- If you have seen me, you have seen the father
- This then is how you should pray, 'Our Father..' Matthew 6.9

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. [20] For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. **John 5:19-20**

- Jesus demonstrated relationship as a son who loves, submits and honours the Father
- The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father
- Can do nothing by myself, i only do what i see my Father doing

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7] If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." **John 14:6-7**

- The way, the trusty, the life - to the Father
- He came to take us to the Father
- Knowing Jesus brings us tot he Father

3. Jesus teaches us to love the Father and love one another

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-40**

- As our vertical relationship grows in love our horizontal relationships are changed, enriched and take on a kingdom value and depth

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” **John 13:34-35**

- This is the King teaching us the way of the Kingdom
- A relational Kingdom

4. Jesus prays for our unity

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, [21] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22] I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one--- [23] I in them and you in me---so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **John 17:20-23**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **John 15:9**

Application

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. **1 Corinthians 1:10**

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4] because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people--- **Colossians 1:3-4**

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. [21] In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. [22] And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. **Ephesians 2:20-22**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. [2] Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. [3] Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **Ephesians 4:1-3**

- Live a life worth of the calling you have received
- Be completely humble
- Be complete gentle
- Be patient

- Bear with one another in love
- Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit