

Neighbourhood to the Nations **A break out of God's Kingdom**

Introduction - The Kingdom of God

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” **Mark 1:15**

- God's Kingdom has come
- Change your thinking - To Kingdom thoughts
- Change your ways - To a Kingdom lifestyle
- Believe - In the King, Lordship, leadership of Jesus

... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. **Acts 10:38**

The Kingdom of God is the rule of the King, the spiritual realm over which God reigns as king, and the fulfilment of His will on earth.

- In a person
- In a family
- Through a Community - An Ekklesia
- In a Neighbourhood
- A region
- Nations - Filled with Christian Communities bring transformation

When you are under His lordship, and when He is in control of your life, that is the **kingdom of God**

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [10] your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:9-10**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **Romans 14:17**

Dream - God has a dream in History heart

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us--- [2] so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. [3] May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. [4] May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. [5] May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. [6] The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. [7] May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Psalm 67:1-7

- God's people must catch God's dream for God's world
- God's dream is for people, every kind of person - All people

- People in our neighbourhoods - People in the Nations
- He sees them all, he knows them all, he is moved for them

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

Reality - Harvest is Ready

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. [36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. [38] Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” **Matthew 9:35-38**

- Jesus Modelled a Kingdom lifestyle
- Proclaiming the Good news of the Kingdom
- Healing the sick
- Moved with compassion - people harassed and helpless, sheep without a shepherd
- Harvest is plentiful
- Workers are few
- Pray to the Lord of the harvest - send out more workers

Application/Response - Lift up your head

The Kingdom of God breaks out:

1. **Through Prayer** - A lifestyle of talking with and listening to God
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- Anything can be changed by prayer
- This is a powerful weapon given to God's people
- We must learn to pray again, Give time to pray for our Neighbourhoods
- Pray for the Nations

2. **Through People** - People who are his

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [8] Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. [9] Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [10] Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty---he is the King of glory. **Psalms 24:7-10**

- We as people are the gates
- Lift up your head - See the King, Embrace His Kingdom

- As you lift up your head and see the King - you will then see as the King sees
 - His Kingdom first comes into us - Jesus, His rule and reign
 - His Kingdom then flows through us - His peace

3. **Through Presence** - Being present

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. [14] “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. **Matthew 10:1**