





Seeing and Entering the Kingdom

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John 3:3 (NIV) 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.**”

-  Nicodemus was as good as it gets
-  Nicodemus came to Jesus “at night”
-  Nicodemus makes a statement which is really a question; He can't understand what he is experiencing with Jesus
-  Jesus answers with an incredibly important truth


I. Kingdom or The Kingdom of God

 The Kingdom of God is the core _____ of The Faith


Mark 1:14-15 (NV) 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

 The Kingdom of God is a _____ reality

Matthew 13:24 (NIV) 24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

 The Kingdom of God is gradually _____

1 Corinthians 15:25-27 (NIV) 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For he “has put everything under his feet.”...

 The Kingdom of God is God's will being done on earth; It is God setting all things _____

Matthew 6:10 (The Message) Set the world right; do what's best – as above, so below.

 The Kingdom of God is invisible or _____ but still real

II. Seeing and Entering

 It is possible to see and enter the intangible Kingdom


Matthew 13:16-17 (NIV) 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. **17** For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

 Many people _____ see or enter the Kingdom of God


Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV) 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” **37** 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 neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

 If you are struggling spiritually, it may be that you aren't seeing the Kingdom

III. Being Born Again

 “Born Again” is a common term for conversion/salvation; It appears four times in the Bible

 It is a covenant/relationship term

 It is a term which implies humility; Jesus is challenging Nicodemus and us to stop being _____

The Big Truth - “**No one** can see the kingdom of God **unless** they are born again” is the same as “**Anyone** can see the kingdom of God **if** they are born again”

 This is for _____

The Big Question - How is God inviting you to be born again and see the Kingdom of God?

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- Sat** Rest **Sun** 1 Kings 15-16; Prov 12 **Mon** 1 Kings 17-19; Prov 12
- Tue** 1 Kings 20-22; Prov 13 **Wed** 2 Kings 1-3; Prov 14
- Thur** 2 Kings 4-7; Ps 82 **Fri** 2 Kings 8-10; Prov 15 **Sat** Rest

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