

Lesson 3: Entering, Living, and Anticipating the Kingdom

Requirements, Experiences, and Eternal Hope in Jesus' Teachings

Key Scriptures

- Mark 10:14-15 (Childlike Faith)
- John 3:3-5 (New Birth)
- Luke 13:23-30 (Narrow Door)
- Matthew 12:28; Luke 4:18-21 (Kingdom in Action)
- Matthew 13:10-17; Luke 17:22-25 (Mystery & Rejection)
- Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 26:29 (Fulfillment & Consummation)

Topics

- Requirements for entering the Kingdom: repentance, new birth, childlike faith, commitment
- Kingdom in action: miracles, compassion, and justice as signs of the Kingdom
- The hidden and sometimes misunderstood nature of the Kingdom
- The hope of the Kingdom's final fulfillment and Jesus' vision for the future

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to receive the Kingdom like a child or be "born again"?
- How do Jesus' miracles and actions reveal the priorities of the Kingdom?
- What hope does Jesus give about the future of the Kingdom?