



Legacy – May 13, 2018
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The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God. We want to be a church that builds His Kingdom through effective ministries today. In this series, we will look at three things that are vital to the effectiveness of building God's Kingdom here and now.

Citizens of the Kingdom of God

Philippians 3:20, Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:17-19, For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

The Kingdom of God is not mainly a matter of externals but eternal.

The Pharisees missed the Kingdom, because they made a big deal out of the externals.

Paul's Teaching on the Kingdom

1. Kingdom is referring to the reign of God, not the realm of God.

The Kingdom of God is not just about a place. It's more about the reign and rule of God.

Where the Holy Spirit is bringing about righteousness and peace and joy, the Kingdom (that is, the reign of God) is being manifested.

2. Kingdom is built in the present and will be consummated at the end of the age when Christ comes a second time.

Kingdom as the coming future...

Treat the Kingdom as already present...

Building the Kingdom of God Here and Now

Legacy – committed to release arrows

Psalm 127:3-4, Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

The bride of Christ (the Church) should be releasing arrows, so they can tap into their full potential and change their world for Jesus.

Model Faith

Hebrews 13:7-8

When most of us think about leaving a legacy, we think about things like money and property, including personal items of sentimental value.

The Bible presents a much more important legacy that we, as the Church, should leave to the next generation, and it lies in the spiritual realm—a legacy of lifelong benefit and eternal value found in Christ.

The Church has the awesome responsibility to be imitators of Christ to the next generation.

Tell Stories

Psalms 145:4-7

When we pass along stories about the amazing things God has done in our lives, it gives others faith to believe for their own miracle.

Cheer like Crazy

Hebrews 12:1

We celebrate the past, but we stand now cheering on those running their race behind us.

You cheer by believing in and valuing the next generation.

City Church Commitment

We are a church for every generation!

We are strongly committed to embody a spirit of legacy.

Serve Down

Honor Up