

## **Proclaim the Kingdom**

**Luke 4:43-44, 8:1-3; Revelation 5:9-10**

### **Introduction**

**Matthew 4:17 (ESV)**

**17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

**Luke 4:43 (ESV)**

**43 ...but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."**

**Luke 8:1-3 (ESV)**

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Jesus is declaring a rescue mission, don't miss it and don't misunderstand it.

- **Lost hiker on Mount Elbert in Colorado (highest summit in the Rockies) ignores rescue calls because he doesn't recognize the number. He thought it was spam.**

**The Kingdom is God's SOVEREIGN ACTIVITY to REDEEM PEOPLE to Himself.**

### **OT idea of Kingdom:**

**The Kingdom of God is explicitly spoken of by Jesus but this is not a new idea throughout history. God established his kingdom in the creation account with Adam and Eve.**

**Genesis 1:26 (ESV)**

**26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

**Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV)**

**27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.  
28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

**Genesis 6:1 (ESV)**

**1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land...**

**Genesis 6:5 (ESV)**

**5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**Genesis 9:1 (ESV)**

***1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."***

- ***Nothing mentioned subdue. Because of our sin and rebellion, we no longer have the same status of vice-regents over God's creation. There is a kingdom problem.***

***1 Samuel 8:6–8 (ESV)***

***6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you."***

- ***Israel demands a king. They reject direct kingship of God over them.***

***Jesus and the Kingdom:***

***Mark 1:14–15 (ESV)***

***14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."***

***Luke 8:1 (ESV)***

***1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God....***

***Luke 9:1–2 (ESV)***

***1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.***

***Luke 10:9 (ESV)***

***9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."***

***Healing and casting out demons sidebar (if time permits)***

- ***Matt 4:23 – Jesus went about all Galilee "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God and healing..."***
- ***Mark 1:39 – Jesus went throughout Galilee, "preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons."***

***Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)***

***19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

***Colossians 1:15a, 19–22 (ESV)***

***15 He is the image of the invisible God, ... 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,***

**doing evil deeds,<sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,**

### **Revelation 5:9–10 (ESV)**

**<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”**

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Runner runs from Athens to Sparta (150 miles) to ask for help and then announce victory.

- **We proclaim the Kingdom/King**
  - **We tell the immigrant single mom from Bangladesh in Captain Tilly Park that Jesus offers hope**
  - **You tell the Pakistani man from Jamaica, Queens that Jesus loves you and offers joy that alcohol will never be able to.**
  - **You tell the business man on wall street that Jesus satisfies eternally but money only temporarily**
  - **You tell (people examples from MS)...**
- **Application**
  - **How does this apply to my hearers at Crossgates? How does the Kingdom of God**

**come impact their personal lives? What does this mean for them?**

- **Jesus is king. Put your hope in Him!**

### **1. PRIORITIZE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

#### **Acts 1:1–3 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

#### **Acts 28:30–31 (ESV)**

**<sup>30</sup> He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,<sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.**

- **The kingdom of God is bigger than any one local church.**
- **The Kingdom of God is differentiated from any one local church.**

**What are some ways you can prioritize the proclamation of the kingdom of God?**

- **Over your comfort, reputation, and self-interests**
- **Over your church.**

**ILLUSTRATION:**

- **TIG unwilling to support church plant because “God would not call us to plant a church if we are not full and at capacity.”**
- **They have 4x their annual budget in savings**
  - **That would be equivalent to Crossgates having 20 Million in the bank and debt free, but unwilling to spend any of it on missions and church planting.**

**TRANSITION**

- **When we prioritize the kingdom success is measured not by how much we have, but by how much we give. Success is measured not by how many people we have, but by how many people we send.**

**2. PROVIDE FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD****Luke 8:1-3 (ESV)**

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Lord willing, New Hope will launch two church plants next year. Leadership development is

**happening. Our greatest practical need...financial support.**

**3. PRAY FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD****Matthew 6:9-10 (ESV)**

**<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Acts 1:14 (ESV)**

**<sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.**

**Acts 2:41 (ESV)**

**<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.**

**Acts 3:1 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.**

- **Lame man is healed and Peter preaches before a crowd**

**Acts 4:4 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.**

**Acts 4:31 (ESV)**

**<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all**

**filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

**Acts 6:3–4 (ESV)**

**<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”**

**Acts 6:7 (ESV)**

**<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.**

**Acts 7:59–60 (ESV)**

**<sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.**

**Acts 9:18 (ESV)**

**<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;**

**Acts 9:36–42 (ESV)**

**<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa,**

**the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.**

**Acts 10:2 (ESV)**

**<sup>2</sup> a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.**

**Acts 10:9 (ESV)**

**<sup>9</sup> The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.**

**Acts 10:44–48 (ESV)**

**<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy**

***Spirit just as we have?"<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.***

- ***Gospel goes to Gentiles***

### ***Acts 12***

- ***Peter is miraculously released from prison and his life spared because believers were praying throughout the night***

### ***Acts 13:2-3 (ESV)***

***<sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."<sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.***

### ***Acts 16:25-26 (ESV)***

***<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,<sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.***

### ***CLOSING:***

- ***Prayer requests on the back of sermon handout***

### ***Luke 14:15-23 (ESV)***

***<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"<sup>16</sup> But he said***

***to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.<sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'<sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'<sup>19</sup> And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'<sup>20</sup> And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'<sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'<sup>22</sup> And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'<sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.***

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ the proclamation of the Kingdom of God

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the proclamation of the Kingdom of God

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the proclamation of the Kingdom of God

**Center for Pregnancy Choices**

- Now that Mississippi has no remaining abortion clinics, pray that more ladies will choose life over abortion.
- Pray for the CPC has wisdom in counseling each person who approaches them for help.

**Mercy House Adult and Teen Challenge**

- Pray that each man who comes through their ministry will find salvation and freedom in Christ.
- Pray for families to be restored as men find freedom from drug and alcohol addiction.

**God's Haven**

- Pray that children in underserved communities will find their identity in Christ and know their value in Him.
- Pray that the cycle of generational poverty will be broken in the lives of families being served by this ministry.

**We Will Go**

- Pray for wisdom, strength and unity for the missionaries living and serving at We Will Go.
- Pray that inner-city Jackson will be transformed by the presence and power of Christ.

**Mexico Outreach Center**

- Pray for the mission team serving in Mexico November 5-12. They will be hosting a training event at the center during the week.
- Pray that the Kingdom of God will advance powerfully through local churches in Parras.

**Morocco Outreach**

- This team will be moving to Morocco in January. Pray that the next two months will be fruitful in preparing to move.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin preparing Moroccan hearts now to receive the Gospel and that a church planting movement will begin among Moroccan believers.