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5. Read John 18:33-37. What is Jesus inferring from this dialogue with Pilate. In what ways is Jesus' Kingdom "not of this world"? How do we make sense of this in light of Jesus telling His disciples to pray for "the Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven." (Matt. 6:10)?
6. Study and explore the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God - the rule and reign of God. Romans 5:17, John 1:14, John 4:14.
7. Reflect on Luke 14:16-24. What invitation is Jesus making? Who is it for and what are the requirements? In what way do you need to respond to this invitation today?
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

King and Kingdom

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor

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What is the Kingdom and why is it so important?

The Kingdom simply means the rule and reign of God.

- The Kingdom is wherever God exercises His authority, sovereignty, dominion, influence, and power.

Luke 13:20-23

Mark 4:26-29

Mark 4:30-32

Matthew 13:44

John 18:33,36-37 Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him...

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." ³⁷ Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

God's Rule in History

Genesis 12:1-3

Big Idea: Jesus is the fulfillment of the Kingdom and submitting to Him grants us entrance into His Kingdom.

The Kingdom includes God's people, God's presence, and God's rule.

- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's People.

Romans 5:17

- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's Presence.

John 1:14 "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only."

- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's Rule.

John 4:14

Luke 14:16-24 Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. ¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' ¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²² After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' ²³ So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. ²⁴ For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.'"

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).