



# THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Understanding,  
Proclaiming  
& Showing Up





# INTRO & WELCOME

# PURPOSE

EQUIP PARTICIPANTS TO UNDERSTAND THE KINGDOM BIBLICALLY AND PRACTICALLY AND EMPOWER THEM TO SHOW UP FOR THE KINGDOM IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

## DESIRED OUTCOMES

- DEFINE THE KINGDOM OF GOD
- UNDERSTAND THE PROPHETS' PROCLAMATION AND JESUS' KINGDOM MESSAGE



# THEME SCRIPTURE:

**REVELATION 11:15:** *"...THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD HAS  
BECOME THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST,  
AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER."*



**QUESTION:**

**WHEN YOU HEAR THE PHRASE “KINGDOM  
OF GOD”**

**WHAT COMES TO MIND?**

WHAT IS  
THE  
KINGDOM  
OF GOD?

# DEFINING THE KINGDOM:

“A KINGDOM IS THE GOVERNING INFLUENCE OF A KING OVER A TERRITORY, IMPACTING IT WITH HIS WILL, PURPOSE, AND INTENT, PRODUCING A CITIZENSHIP THAT REFLECTS THE KING’S CULTURE, VALUES, MORALS, AND NATURE.” – **MYLES MUNROE**

# DEFINING THE KINGDOM:

## ENGLISH DEFINITION:

- ENGLISH DEFINES KINGDOM PRIMARILY AS A PLACE.
- BIBLICALLY, KINGDOM IS ACTION OR ACTIVITY — THE ACT OF RULING.
- IT IS THE ACTIVITY OF A KING OVER HIS PEOPLE.
- THE KINGDOM IS GOVERNANCE, NOT GEOGRAPHY

• **“KING DOM” = THE STATE OF BEING UNDER A RULE**

# DEFINING THE KINGDOM:

## HEBREW & GREEK DEFINITION:

- **HEBREW:** MALKUTH – *RULE, REIGN, SOVEREIGNTY*
- ALWAYS REFLECTS ORDERED RULE UNDER GOD'S PROVIDENCE
  
- **GREEK:** BASILEÍA – ROYAL AUTHORITY AND REIGN
- ALWAYS REQUIRES A KING
  
- **REFERS ESPECIALLY TO CHRIST'S REIGN IN BELIEVERS' HEARTS**

# DEFINING THE KINGDOM:

## MYLES MUNROE:

- THE BIBLE IS ABOUT...
- A ROYAL FAMILY & IT'S CHILDREN
- A GOVERNMENT OF A KINGDOM RULED BY A KING.
- A COLONIZATION PROJECT – ONLY KINGDOMS COLONIZE
  - COLONIZATION – THE EXTENSION OF A KING'S INFLUENCE OVER A DISTANT TERRITORY
  - GODS' INTENT WAS TO COLONIZE EARTH WITH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

# DEFINING THE KINGDOM:

## QUESTION/ACTIVITY:

*“IF SOMEONE EXAMINED YOUR DAILY LIFE, WHAT KINGDOM WOULD THEY ASSUME YOU BELONG TO?”*

*“WHERE DOES YOUR ALLEGIANCE SHOW MOST CLEARLY: TIME, MONEY, SPEECH, OR DECISIONS?”*

## TRANSITION STATEMENT:

*“UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM DETERMINES HOW AND WHERE WE SHOW UP.”*

Understand

THE  
KINGDOM  
OF GOD

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## 1. GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN (GENESIS 1-2)

- CREATION & IMAGE OF GOD
  - HUMANS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE
  - GOD'S INTENT:
    - GIVE MAN DOMINION
    - SHARE HIS WORLD WITH HUMANS
    - HE IS ABLE TO REIGN THROUGH HUMANS
    - ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL IN THE WORLD THROUGH HUMAN

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## DOMINION “RADAH”

- GENESIS 1 MANDATE: “LET THEM HAVE DOMINION...”
- **DOMINION** = TO REIGN, OR RULE
  - A CALL FOR RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP
- **STEWARDSHIP** - BENEVOLENT LEADERSHIP, CARING FOR CREATION

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## DOMINION “RADAH”

- DOMINION IS NOT LICENSE FOR EXPLOITATION!
- IT IS STEWARDSHIP THAT REFLECTS GODS OWN RIGHTEOUS GOVERNANCE.
- IMPLIES MANAGERIAL OR SOVEREIGN RULE.
- SOVEREIGNTY MEANS RESPONSIBILITY

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## DOMINION “RADAH”

- WE WERE MEANT TO:
  - MANAGE
  - CULTIVATE CREATION
  - STEWARD, NOT EXPLOIT
- MANAGERS:
  - THE KING HAS ALREADY DETERMINED THE VISION
  - DO NOT OWN ANYTHING

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## “SUBDUE” GENESIS 2

- CARRIES IDEA OF “CULTIVATING AND GARDENING”
- THE ABILITY TO HARNESS THE POTENTIAL OF A THING.
- GUIDING THE GROWTH OF SOMETHING
- IMPLIES THE ABILITY TO BRING UNRULY CREATION UNDER CONTROL.

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## “SUBDUE” GENESIS 2

- WHEN CREATION GROWS WILD → WE MUST CULTIVATE IT.

### HOW?:

- BRING POTENTIALLY THREATENING FORCES OF NATURE INTO A STATE WHERE LIFE CAN FLOURISH.
- REFLECT GOD'S CHARACTER OF CARE, NOT DOMINATION FOR SELFISH GAIN.
- RULE WITHOUT ABUSE OR DESTRUCTION

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## REBELLION

- HUMANITY REJECTED GOD'S DESIGN:
- WE REFUSED TO ACT AS GOD'S CONDUIT, OR MANAGERS.
- WE RESISTED STEWARDSHIP UNDER GOD
  - PROBLEM:
    - "WE WANT TO BE THE BOSS"
    - PREFERRING INDEPENDENCE OVER SUBMISSION

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## DISCUSSION QUESTION:

*“HOW DO WE REFLECT GOD’S CARE INSTEAD OF CONTROL?”*

## KINGDOM SHOW-UP INSIGHT:

*SHOWING UP MEANS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT GOD HAS PLACED UNDER YOUR CARE INSTEAD OF BLAMING EXTERNAL FORCES.*

# Kingdom System v. World System

## KINGDOM SYSTEM

A divine structure that brings:

- order
- abundance
- authority

## WORLD SYSTEM

is built on:

- scarcity
- competition
- self-reliance

functions by:

- alignment with God
- divine partnership
- overflow rather than scarcity
- Alignment - not about striving

## WORLD SYSTEM

people are taught to:

- grind endlessly for success
- struggle for position
- tie worth to achievement
- trust bank account for security
- believe future is in their own hands
- focus = accumulation

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## A. THE KINGDOM SYSTEM

- RESOURCES ARE NOT DETERMINED BY EXTERNAL CONDITIONS
- RESOURCES ARE DETERMINED BY OBEDIENCE TO DIVINE PRINCIPLES

## EXAMPLE:

### A. THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

- THOSE WHO GIVE GENEROUSLY WILL ALWAYS HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH

### B. THE LAW OF FAITH

- THOSE WHO TRULY BELIEVE WILL RECEIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR EXPECTATION

### C. THE LAW OF OBEDIENCE

- THOSE WHO FOLLOW GOD'S INSTRUCTION ARE LED TO INCREASE – EVEN IN  
FAMINE

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE?

ATTEMPTING TO LIVE IN THE KINGDOM WHILE OPERATING BY THE WORLD SYSTEM

TRYING TO ACHIEVE SUPERNATURAL RESULTS WITH NATURAL STRATEGIES

- YOU CANNOT MIX TWO SYSTEMS AND EXPECT SUCCESS!

A. TO EXPERIENCE THE FULL POWER OF THE KINGDOM:

- TRUST GOD'S SYSTEM WITHOUT HESITATION OR COMPROMISE!!!



*The Kingdom of God is not only a destination.  
It is a system, a way of operating under God's reign — and  
Jesus restores us to that system.*

*– Myron Golden*

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## QUESTION/ACTIVITY:

*“WHEN PRESSURE HITS, WHICH SYSTEM DO I DEFAULT TO?”*

- *PRAYER OR PANIC?*
- *TRUST OR CONTROL?*
- *OBEDIENCE OR STRATEGY?*

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## GROUP DISCUSSION:

“WHAT HABITS REVEAL THAT WE’RE STILL OPERATING BY THE WORLD SYSTEM?”

“WHAT WOULD SHIFT IF WE TRULY TRUSTED GOD AS OUR SOURCE?”

## KINGDOM SHOW-UP CHALLENGE:

“SHOWING UP FOR THE KINGDOM MEANS CHOOSING ALIGNMENT OVER HUSTLE.”

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM:

## KINGDOM SHOW-UP INSIGHT:

SHOWING UP MAY REQUIRE CONFRONTING SYSTEMS WHILE STILL  
NEEDING TO LOVE PEOPLE.

Proclaiming

THE

KINGDOM

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# OT PROPHETS ROLE:

## PROPHETS:

- GOD PROMISES A RIGHTEOUS, EVERLASTING KINGDOM.
- THE KINGDOM WILL COME THROUGH A MESSIANIC KING WHO EMBODIES GOD'S REIGN.
- JESUS, LIKE THE OT PROPHETS WILL HERALD THE KINGDOM AND

ANNOUNCE GODS REIGN

# OT PROPHETS ROLE:

ISRAEL'S CORE SIN: REJECTING GOD'S KINGSHIP.

**1 SAMUEL 8:7** — *“THEY HAVE REJECTED ME AS THEIR KING.”*

**ISAIAH 1:2–4;** *“I REARED CHILDREN AND BROUGHT THEM UP, BUT THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ME.”*

**JEREMIAH 2:13;** *“MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS, AND DUG BROKEN*

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*CISTERNS THAT CANNOT HOLD WATER.”*

# OT PROPHETS ROLE:

## Summary:

The prophets warned of judgment for resisting God's reign and proclaimed hope through a future Kingdom fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

# OT PROPHETS ROLE:

## Scripture references:

Isaiah 9:6-7  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,... Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Jeremiah 23:5-6; “I will raise up for David a righteous Branch... and a King who will reign wisely.”

Ezekiel 37:24-25; “My servant David shall be king over them... and they shall dwell in the land



# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS

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# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS:

## WHAT WENT WRONG?

THE REIGN OF GOD BECAME FRACTURED BECAUSE OF HUMAN REBELLION.

THERE WAS BREAK DOWN IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN AND GOD.

IT CREATED A RIFT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

WE EMBRACED THE NARRATIVE OF THE SERPENT

# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS:

- “GOD WAS HOLDING OUT ON US!”
- IT WILL BE BETTER FOR US IF WE DEFINE GOOD AND EVIL AND FOR OURSELVES.
- BECAUSE OF MAN’S REBELLIOUSNESS, JESUS COMES TO REINSTATE GOD’S KINGDOM BY HIS SACRIFICE

*\*GOD SO CLOSELY BINDS HIMSELF TO HUMANS THAT IN THE INCARNATION OF JESUS HE BECOMES THE HUMAN THAT WE WERE MADE TO BE!*

# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS:

## HOW THE CLASH BEGAN (GENESIS 3–11)

- HUMANITY ESTABLISHES AN ALTERNATE KINGDOM
- AN ALTERNATE REIGN WHERE OUR WILL IS DONE.
- HUMANS RULE ON THEIR OWN TERMS.
- HUMANS WANT TO DEFINE VALUES, AND VISION AND DIRECTION OF THE COMPANY FOR THEMSELVES.

- “WE WANT TO BE THE BOSS”

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- PREFERRING INDEPENDENCE OVER SUBMISSION

# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS:

## HOW THE CLASH BEGAN (GENESIS 3-11)

- OUR KINGDOM BECOMES AN ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF RESISTANCE AGAINST GOD'S REIGN.
- THE STORY OF THE BIBLE BECOMES A STORY OF A CLASH OF KINGDOMS.
- HUMANITY CONTINUALLY ATTEMPTS TO PUSH GOD OUT OF THE EQUATION.
- GOD CONTINUALLY SOUGHT TO INVADE HUMANITY'S SELF-MADE KINGDOM TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEMSELVES.

- THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS A POLITICAL-SPIRITUAL THREAT TO EVIL POWERS.

# A CLASH OF KINGDOMS:

GOD'S RESPONSES HOW?

- **CONFRONTING THE POWERS AT PLAY:**  
(PHARAOH, BABYLON, SATAN, SIN)
- **DEFEATING THE EVIL AT WORK ON THE (CROSS)**
  - **LIBERATING THE PEOPLE OUT OF THAT EVIL (SIN) AND INTO A NEW FREEDOM (SALVATION)**
- **INVITING PEOPLE TO LIVE UNDER HIS RULE:**
  - **(INHERITANCE & ETERNAL LIFE)**



Preaching  
**THE**  
**KINGDOM**

# PREACHING THE KINGDOM:

- JESUS' GRAND NARRATIVE:
  - THE COVENANT STORY OF GOD, ISRAEL, AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM.
  
- THE GOSPEL SUMMARIZES THE WHOLE MESSAGE FOR JESUS WHEN HE ENTERS THE PUBLIC SCENE.
  - “REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND” (MARK 1:14–15).

# PREACHING THE KINGDOM:

THE KINGDOM WAS NOT A SECONDARY THEME:

- IT WAS THE DOMINATING MESSAGE OF JESUS' MINISTRY.
- IN MATTHEW ALONE, JESUS REFERENCES THE KINGDOM OVER 50 TIMES.

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- THAT IS 1.5 TIMES PER PAGE THROUGH 28 CHAPTERS.

# PREACHING THE KINGDOM:

MYLES MUNROE

He NEVER PREACHED...

- ...**BEING BORN AGAIN**, THAT WAS ONLY A CONVERSATION
- ...**HEALING** – HE JUST HEALED PEOPLE
- ...**DELIVERANCE** – HE JUST DELIVERED PEOPLE FROM DEMONS
- ...**RESURRECTION** – HE JUST GOT UP
- HE NEVER ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO DO ANYTHING; HE JUST DID IT.
- WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO DEMONSTRATE GOD IN OUR LIVES?

# PREACHING THE KINGDOM:

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

*Mark 1:14-15 "Jesus came INTO GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD AND SAYING, 'THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR; REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.'"*

*LUKE 4:43 "I MUST PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO THE OTHER TOWNS ALSO, BECAUSE THAT IS WHY I WAS SENT."*

*LUKE 8:1 "JESUS TRAVELED ABOUT FROM ONE TOWN AND VILLAGE TO ANOTHER, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD."*

*MATTHEW 4:23 "JESUS WENT THROUGHOUT GALILEE, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS AMONG THE PEOPLE."*

# PREACHING THE KINGDOM:

## QUESTION/ACTIVITY:

“WHERE ARE YOU WAITING FOR PERMISSION WHEN JESUS HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED YOU?”

“WHAT KINGDOM WORK ARE YOU POSTPONING BECAUSE OF FEAR OR INSECURITY?”

## KINGDOM SHOW-UP STATEMENT:

“THE KINGDOM ADVANCES THROUGH OBEDIENCE, NOT ANNOUNCEMENTS.”

The Arrival  
OF THE  
KINGDOM  
OF GOD

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

*The Kingdom of God is both the present, spiritual reality of God's rule and reign and a future, physical kingdom that will be fully established on Earth. It is centered on God's sovereignty, with Jesus Christ as the King, and involves a present spiritual rule that is expanding through the Holy Spirit within believers, as well as a future, tangible reign after Christ's return.*

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS ARRIVED, AND JESUS WOULD BE THE ONE TO ADDRESS THE CORE PROBLEM OF SIN.

- CONFRONTING THE POWER AT PLAY: (SATAN)
- DEFEATING THE EVIL AT WORK ON THE (CROSS)
- LIBERATING THE PEOPLE OUT OF THAT EVIL (SIN) AND INTO A NEW FREEDOM (ETERNAL LIFE.)
- INVITING PEOPLE UNDER HIS RULE (ETERNAL INHERITANCE)

COLOSSIANS 1:13: "FOR HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE DOMINION OF

**DARKNESS AND BROUGHT US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON HE LOVES."**

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

GOD'S REIGN HAS ARRIVED!!!

JESUS ANNOUNCES THAT THE KINGDOM IS HERE:

- PRESENT,
- ACCESSIBLE,
- IN THE WORLD.

JESUS COMES AS KING TO:

- RESTORE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE
- AND BRING THEM INTO HIS KINGDOM.

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

A KINGDOM THAT IS WITHIN

LUKE 17:20B, 21 *“THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT COME WITH OBSERVATION; 21 NOR WILL THEY SAY, ‘SEE HERE!’ OR ‘SEE THERE!’ FOR INDEED, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.”*

- *JESUS IS QUESTIONED BY PHARISEES*
- *OBSERVATION MEANS WATCHING LIKE A GUARD “HOSTILE EXAMINATION.”*

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

- The King is here, among you.
- The Kingdom is manifested through transformed hearts and lives.
- IT IS WITHIN YOU OR MORE ACCURATELY “IN YOUR MIDST”
- *HOW TO INHERIT?* THROUGH REPENTANCE AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING.

# THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM:

QUESTION/ACTIVITY:

*WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU THAT THE KINGDOM IS AVAILABLE NOW, NOT JUST LATER?*

*HOW SHOULD THAT CHANGE THE WAY BELIEVERS LIVE?*

*WHAT EVIDENCE OF GOD'S KINGDOM IS VISIBLE IN YOUR LIFE?*



# The Final FUTURE KINGDOM



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# THE FUTURE OF THE KINGDOM:

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

- DANIEL 2:44: "AND IN THE DAYS OF THOSE KINGS THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL SET UP A KINGDOM THAT SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED..."
- MATTHEW 24:14: "AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL NATIONS, AND THEN THE END WILL COME."
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50: "FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD..."
- DANIEL 7:27 AND THE KINGDOM AND THE DOMINION AND THE GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOMS UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH, HIS KINGDOM SHALL BE AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND ALL DOMINIONS SHALL SERVE AND OBEY HIM."

Showing Up For  
**THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD**

# SHOWING UP FOR THE KINGDOM:

(INTERACTIVE SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY)

1. **EVANGELISM** — (?)
2. **FELLOWSHIP** — (?)
3. **DISCIPLESHIP** — (?)
4. **WORSHIP** — (?)
5. **MINISTRY** — (?)

“HOW DOES THIS AREA REVEAL THE KINGDOM?”

2026 “WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO SHOW UP STRONGER IN THIS AREA?”



# Thank You

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