

FTK: THE KINGDOM

Sermon Series : For the Kingdom
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"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."
(Matt 21:43)

Matt 21:43; 13:11-13; Rom 12:2

1. The kingdom turns our ceilings into God's floor (Matt 13:31-32)

Comfort zones don't keep your life safe they keep your life small

2. The Kingdom Disinfects Where Sin Infects (Matt 13:33)

3. The kingdom moves us from walking on fences to walking on golden streets (Matt 13:44; 45-56)

[Defn: We don't have to try to "balance" on the fence between two sides, but walk freely in the fullness of God's Kingdom]

4. The Kingdom Prevents Victims From Becoming Villains (Matt 18:23-27)

There's a villain in all of us when we don't forgive

[Closing: Mike invited people to: (1) receive prayer to be healed from unforgiveness; (2) rededicate themselves to be "all in" with God]

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QUESTIONS

1. Take some time to read through Matt 13. What does each parable teach us about the Kingdom?

(Try this: Assign each person a parable. Give them 5-10 mins to reflect on it, then feed back to the Group what their parable teaches us about God's Kingdom).

2. How should each of these parables affect how we live our lives?
3. How does forgiveness/unforgiveness affect our ability to embrace the Kingdom?
4. What does it look like to carry the Kingdom with you into your everyday life?

KINGDOM PARABLES (MATTHEW 13)*

VERSES	TOPIC	APPLICATION
3-9, 18-23	Soils	Announcing the kingdom yields differing results based on the values of the listeners
24-30, 36-43	Weeds	Unbelievers will be not purged out of the kingdom until its consummation
31-32	Mustard Seed	Christ's kingdom starts small but becomes the greatest in history
33	Yeast	Christ's kingdom will slowly and quietly take over the world
44	Hidden Treasure	The value of the kingdom is infinite
45-46	Pearl	The value of the kingdom is infinite
47-50	Net	Unbelievers will be not purged out of the kingdom until its consummation
51-52	House-owner	A disciple's understanding of the kingdom deepens over time

* These are commonly accepted summaries, but they are NOT the only ones!