

OUR MANDATE: GOD’S KINGDOM

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Three keys to understanding the Kingdom of God:

I. WHAT THE KINGDOM _____ (& ISN’T).

A. What the Kingdom of God _____.

B. What the Kingdom of God _____.

1. KINGDOM (GK): basileia = “Royal power or kingship or area of rule.”
2. The Kingdom of God is ... “The _____, rule and reign of God.”

C. Where the Kingdom is _____.

1. The Kingdom of God is ... “Wherever God is worshipped as _____.”

II. WHY THE KINGDOM _____.

A. Because it mattered to _____.

B. Because it’s _____ News!

Matthew 24:14 (NIV84) 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.

III. HOW THE KINGDOM _____.

Matthew 22:1-10 (NIV84) - Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

1. It gives me _____.

Are you _____ others to the wedding banquet?

2. It gives me _____.

Are you experiencing _____, even when life is hard?

3. It gives me _____.

Are you _____% sure of your salvation?

IV. SUMMARY: The Kingdom of God is available for you!

Are you a _____ of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define “The Kingdom of God”?
2. Why should the Kingdom be a “big deal” in our lives?
3. How does being a “Citizen of Heaven” make a practical difference in your life?

4. King Jesus offers us purpose, peace and protection. Which attribute do you appreciate the most? Why?