

God's Kingdom

Think Kingdom
- knowing our
roots

- Beginnings.
Kingdom in Eden
Genesis 1:26-28

- The Kingdom in
Israel's history &
prophecy
Genesis 12:1-3;
Jeremiah 23:5;
Ezek. 47:3-12

Being in the
Kingdom -
answering God's
call

The King is among
us - Jesus'
teaching on the
Kingdom
John 1:12;
2 Cor. 5:17;

Kingdom living -
doing what the
King says

God's Kingdom &
the church (i.e.
Acts to this day)
The "now but not
yet Kingdom".

Future - the
everlasting
kingdom

"The Kingdom of
God is where there
is God's Kingly
rule."

Questions for further study Nov 8th

1. In Matthew 7:13,14 Jesus says that the Kingdom is entered by the "narrow gate". What does this picture suggest to you? What (or who) is the gate – John 10:7-10.

2. What is the mention of the Kingdom of God in the pattern for prayer that Jesus taught His disciples - Matthew 6:10-13? We talked about the "now but not yet Kingdom". What are we praying for now, and for the future when we pray "your kingdom come"?

3. The Kingdom of God is mentioned right through the New Testament. Look at these 2 references & ask, what does this tell us about the Kingdom of God? And how does this affect our lives now?
1 Corinthians 6:9-11; James 2:1-5;

4. In this message from the risen Jesus to the young church in Laodicea - Revelation 3:14-21 – what can you deduce about the struggles they were having in living for God in a pagan culture? What struggles do you face in living as a member of the Kingdom of God? What promises can you draw from this passage?

"God's heart for His church is

- That this would be a place where people find healing & wholeness
 - Where they find a community to contribute to
 - A place of worship & growth in our walk with God
- His heart is for the church to reach out
- so that hurting, broken people can find restoration
 - so that seeking people can find their Saviour.
- This is God's heart. This is God's Kingdom."