

40 Days that Changed the World

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The Kingdom of God dominated the teachings and object lessons of Jesus. It was of utmost importance, so much so that after his resurrection, his teachings returned to that very topic. Why is the Kingdom of God so important?

- 1. The ultimate purpose and plan of God for mankind is a kingdom assignment**
 - Genesis 1: 26...Exodus 19: 5, 6...I Peter 2: 9
- 2. God's purpose is to extend his Rulership from heaven to earth through mankind**
 - Central to the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6: 10
- 3. What was lost thru Adam's sin (and our own) was our position in the Kingdom**
 - Cast out of the garden and rebels ever since (Genesis 3: 23, 24)
- 4. The greatest need of every human heart is to "come home" which can only be found in the security and safety of God's kingdom and rule**
 - *Study John 3 – what a great study!*
- 5. The central theme of Jesus' message was the gospel (good news) of the Kingdom of God**
 - Study Luke 4: 43 as well as 9: 59-62...ponder the primary message of his parables
- 6. The entire ministry of Jesus was a demonstration of the power of God's Kingdom**
 - "the kingdom of God has come to you" (Luke 11: 20)
- 7. This "Kingdom of God" theme continued to be taught in the early years of the church**
 - Philip in Samaria (Acts 8: 12) Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19: 8 and 20: 25)
 - Look at the last words in the book of Acts!
- 8. The conclusion of God's Kingdom plan is fulfilled on earth among us!**
 - Revelation 21: 1-5 and note Revelation 22: 1-5, especially the last sentence...
- 9. God's great desire is for all to become citizens of his kingdom *now!***
 - Luke 12: 31-32

Am I living life with a Kingdom mindset and lifestyle?