

WHAT IS JESUS' MISSION?

The Kingdom of God

The “Kingdom of God” is a decoder, that when put over the confusing collage of life

- Makes sense of our world
- Makes sense of our place in the world

Jesus teaching on the “Kingdom of God” **makes sense of our world**

- The world was created as a place of complete harmony & flourishing under the rule of God
- Sin – resistance to God’s rightful authority – lead to the unraveling of creation
- God is coming to renew all of creation by His ruling power

The kingdom of God is the good news of the renewal of all creation by the re-entry of God’s ruling power through Christ’s life, death and resurrection

Jesus teaching on the “Kingdom of God” **makes sense of our place in the world**

“Mission Dei”

- The Father sends the Son
- The Father & Son send the Holy Spirit
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit send you

Your day-to-day life has one all-encompassing question:

How do I go into every domain of my world and life to honor my King by extending the blessings of His rule...God’s Kingdom?

**Jesus teaching on the “Kingdom of God” makes sense of
The church (who we are as a family in Christ)**

The church is not so much an event you attend...rather, it is a force engaging the world with Christ's truth and love in order to extend the blessings of His rule

OR...

The best way to show Christ and extend his renewing work into people's lives is not to put on a great show...

...But with a kingdom life committed to loving the world as He did

Let's enter the stories of Christ's "Kingdom Come" And make sense of your/our place in the world

The calling of the disciples shows us that Jesus' Kingly authority
restructures every area of our lives (1:16-20)

Jesus teaching on the kingdom presupposes that there is a whole
new way of life in relationship to the king...living under His rule

Eg. WORK

- How do you live for God's glory instead of the bottom line of profit, promotion?
- How do you work for the good of others?
- How do you relate to your fellow employees & bosses to display the character of Christ?
- How do you hold up product quality over expedience?
- How do you help your business move toward serving the good of the community?

The casting out of demons shows us that Jesus' Kingly authority undoes evil & its affects

"But if it is by the Spirit of God (finger of God)that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. Matthew 12:28

Jesus has come, and by his death and resurrection he has bound Satan's power

Matthew 12:29... "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his goods"

Parables of the Kingdom...Tares, Mustard Seed, Leaven

The kingdom having come, appears small and imperceptible... but it is working quietly and significantly (eg. William Wilberforce)

Your/Our place in this world is to extend the blessings of Christ's kingdom rule into places broken by evil and its affects

The healing of the leper shows us that Jesus' Kingly authority brings a new social order

He brings these people into a new community to demonstrate an alternate way of being human

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden"

This community enters the kingdom work of restoring creation

Who are you/we in this world..

God's kingdom is calling us to move from seeing ourselves as a church who needs members from the community...to seeing ourselves as being in a community whose members need the church

The healing of the paralytic shows us that Jesus Kingly authority brings, first & foremost, a new relationship with God

Your physical paralysis is not ultimately your main problem. If you don't get your sins pardoned and your alienation from God removed, then a physical healing will ultimately prove fruitless

Who are you/we?

People cultivating relationships with those who are distant from Christ praying for opportunities to share the good news of a new relationship with God through Christ and the blessings of living under His rule

Kingdom In....Kingdom Out

Receiving the blessings of Christ's sacrificial service...
you/we extend his blessing with a life of sacrificial service

We are on a Journey in Discipleship...

How do you/we grow as devoted followers of Jesus being changed into his likeness?

- Study the words of our king and submit our lives to his truth
- Walk together with others who are learning the blessings of submitting our lives to his rule
- *Go and engage the world with his mercy and his message through which his kingdom comes into lives, families, communities, cultures*