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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What do you think of when you hear the phrase “the kingdom of God”? How does Jesus use this term? Why do you think Jesus speaks of the kingdom’s arrival as good news?

In what ways should our lives demonstrate the saving power of God’s kingdom? How is Christ’s authority demonstrated in our witness as His people?

What are some practical ways for a Christian to look intently into the Word? What is the role of faith in our encounter with the Word?

What are some ways we as Christians fall short of living under Jesus’ authority and are merely impressed with His teaching?

SERIES: God’s Story - Part 2

NEXT WEEK

Jesus’ Miracles: The Power of the Kingdom

- Mark 1:29-34
- Luke 7:18-23
- John 6:1-14

The Teaching of the Kingdom

Matt 7:28-29; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:16-21; 8:4-8

In this lesson, we will look at how the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ was centered on the kingdom of God—the arrival of God’s reign in fulfillment of His promises to His people. The kingdom puts on display the saving power of God as it is proclaimed to all kinds of people. In response to Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom of God, we must repent of our own personal agendas, trust in Him as our King, and then represent Him faithfully in the world.

The kingdom has arrived with the coming of Jesus (Mark 1:14-15)

Key Points and References

- Jesus comes two times for us, once for sins and once for salvation (**Heb 9:27-28**)
- The coming of Jesus gives us hope (**Rom 15:12-13**)

The kingdom is the demonstration of God’s saving power (Luke 4:16-21)

Key Points and References

- Saving power to free the captives (**Eph 4:7-8**)
- Saving power through the renewal by the Holy Spirit (**Titus 3:3-7**)
- Saving power through repentance (**Acts 2:37-41**)

The kingdom is proclaimed to all kinds of people (Luke 8:4-8)

Key Points and References

- People who believe that God speaks through His Word (**1 Thess 2:13-14**)
- People who don't just hear or listen to God's Word, but do it (**James 1:22-25**)

The kingdom has authority because of the identity of the King (Matt. 7:28-29)

Key Points and References

- Jesus was granted authority from God (**John 17:1-4**)
- Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth (**Matt 28:18**)

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