

GOOD NEWS FOR TOUGH TIMES



GOOD NEWS: SET UP GOD'S KINGDOM

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Good News! Jesus shows us there's a better way to live.

■ Mark 1:14-15

If Jesus came to set up God's kingdom, then...

1. Jesus is King and we owe him allegiance.

- The Kingdom of God is his Kingdom - John 18:36
- That makes him King - Matthew 25:34
- Our allegiance is to him first, above any earthly ruler - Colossians 2:15-16

2. His way is our way.

■ John 13:34; Matthew 16:24-25



Love trumps law as the guiding principle of Jesus. Law is case specific, whereas love is universally applicable. Law is shaped by culture, whereas love shapes cultures by shaping hearts. In fact, when love leads our hearts, rules become redundant.

— Bruxy Cavey, Reunion —

3. His Kingdom is not like other Kingdoms.

- It's here now and it's not yet. - Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 6:19
- It's not a place. It's a way of living. - Luke 17:20-37
 - You enter the kingdom by joining God in his work. - John 3:3-8

- It is diverse in its make up. - Ephesians 2:11-17; Galatians 3:26-29
 - In God's kingdom the poor are favoured. - Matthew 5:3,10
 - In God's kingdom the outcasts are favoured. - Matthew 9:9-13
 - In God's kingdom the foreigners are favoured. - Matthew 8:20
 - God's kingdom is a challenge for the powerful, the wealthy and the religious. - Luke 6:24-26



There's nothing quite like 'church.' A place where very different kinds of people who have nothing but Jesus in common gather together to learn how to live a loving life with one another.

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4. Would you be willing to give up something good for something better?

■ Matthew 13:44-46

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Here are some things to consider at home this week. Try them on your own or with those who are with you.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 13:44-46 - read it, think about it, memorize it, pray it

A DAILY PRAYER:

"O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and **hurry the coming of your kingdom**; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Also, pray the "Lord's Prayer."

(Find a version of it here - <https://www.soulkitchen.live/breakfast-podcast-tutorial>)

CONSIDER THIS (FOR CONVERSATION IF HELPFUL):

1. In Matthew 13, what are the different ways that Jesus describes the Kingdom? What is it like?
2. What do these descriptions of the Kingdom mean for us today?

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it a try!**

Read Reunion, by Bruxy Cavey, Chapter 9: "Off the Map."



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