



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Where is the Kingdom of God?

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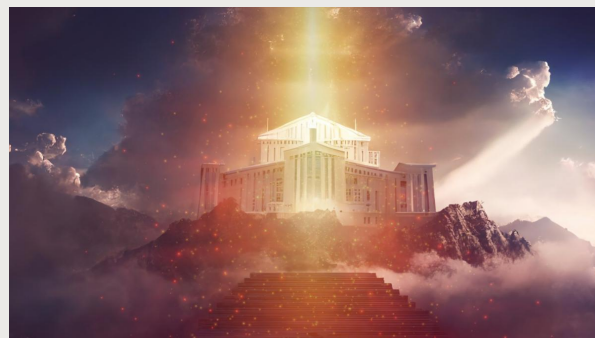
We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens

See the sidebar for our new TEXT Prayer Request Line!
Simply text "I need prayer" to 844-533-3553 anytime,
and our team of Prayer Warriors will be praying for you.

Coming May 16th!
Spring Fling Youth Event
Food, Fun, and Friends

Invite Your Friends
6pm to 10pm

Sunday



Where is the Kingdom of God?

Last Sunday, we talked about where this Kingdom of God that Jesus talks about all the time is located.

We started by talking about Kingdoms in general and what we think about when someone mentions a Kingdom. We said that's the way the Jews, in Jesus' time, thought about Kingdoms too. Therefore, that's what they were expecting when Jesus was talking and teaching about the Kingdom of God.

Jesus spent a lot of time talking about and telling us all about the Kingdom of God but it wasn't a Kingdom like anyone had ever heard of before. We looked through and discussed a few verses in **Matthew** where Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God.

are being collected in the bin located on tables in the hall. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verses

Luke 17:20-21

(NIV) 20 Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, 21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

(NLT) 20 One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. 21 You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."

(NKJV) 20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed,

The Jews believed that the Messiah would be a great warrior who would lead an army against their enemies to free them from the Roman occupation and rule over all nations under the Kingdom of Israel.

We looked at **Luke 17:20-21** where the Pharisees actually asked Jesus when this Kingdom of God that He speaks about would come. Needless to say, they were not prepared for the answer Jesus gave them.

In **Luke 17:20-21**, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the Kingdom of God is not what they think it is at all. He tells them that it's not something physical in a place they can go to. He tells them, "the Kingdom of God is in your midst".

This would be saying that the Kingdom of God is in the middle of or is present with them right now which could be implying that Jesus represents the Kingdom of God on Earth and is with each of them now.

We remembered, when reading the Bible, that it is often good to notice the context as well as to review different translations to get a better idea of the meaning. We noted that this particular phrase, at the end of **Luke 17:21**, translates to several different words depending on what translation you are reading from.

For example, the **NIV** uses the word 'midst' while the **NLT** says, "the Kingdom of God is already among you," which may suggest that the Kingdom of God has something to do with how people treat each other meaning that God is not a private experience but is among the group of people He is speaking to.

The **NKJV** uses the phrase "the Kingdom of God is within you," suggesting that God's Kingdom is something that is a more personal and spiritual experience that is in our heart and soul.

One student looked up and suggested that we look at The Passion Translation (**TPT**) for even more insight. We also looked in The Message (**MSG**) and Amplified (**AMP**) versions as well to understand even more.

We asked how we decide which translation is correct in telling us where the Kingdom of God is located. We said that, in this case, since each word is merely a different meaning of the original word that Jesus used, we decided that maybe all three meanings could be implied and the Kingdom of God is actually within us AND among us AND is in the midst of us.

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(TPT) 20 Jesus was once asked by the Jewish religious leaders, "When will God's kingdom come?" Jesus responded, "God's kingdom does not come simply by obeying principles or waiting for signs. 21The kingdom is not discovered in one place or another, for God's kingdom realm is already expanding within some of you."

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Another interesting thing we found about this passage is who Jesus is telling this to. He was telling this to the Pharisees! The very same people who were against everything having to do with Jesus and ultimately who even contributed to His crucifixion. Jesus is telling them that the Kingdom of God is available to them as well.

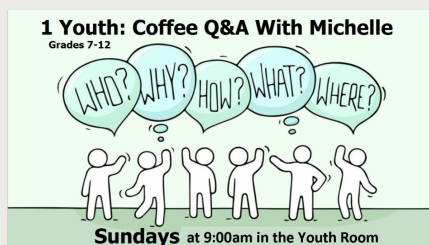
Jesus is telling us that we are ALL made in God's image and the Kingdom of God is a gift that is available to everyone, no matter who they are or what they have done. All we need to do to accept it is to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We then talked about another phrase that we hear often called "**Kingdom Living**". We said that Jesus not only told us what the Kingdom of God was like, He told us and showed us by His own example how we are to live in the Kingdom of God.

Kingdom Living is living our lives based on faith and centered on Jesus emphasizing God's Kingdom principles and values above worldly desires and circumstances. It's about embracing a life of Faith, Hope, and Love.

Kingdom Living is remaining steady in our faith regardless of worldly challenges or difficulties, reflecting God's Love, Grace, and Character, and trusting 100% that God will provide. It means experiencing and showing the Fruit of the Spirit in everything that you say or do (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

When Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, He is referring to the present **AND** the future. We are all called to plant the seeds needed to help build God's Kingdom today for an amazing present and future for everyone who believes.



Pre-Service Coffee Q&A
Sundays at 9:00am

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.

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