

The Kingdom of God Has Come to You

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Mark 9:1 KJV And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

- 1) Not all will see or enter the Kingdom of God when it “comes” to them... But some will!
(Not that The Kingdom would come at some point before their generation ended...)

Matthew 12:28 KJV But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

- 2) The Kingdom is revealed when the manifested Power and Presence of God “startles” someone into perceiving the truth of who Jesus is.

Mark 1:14-15 KJV Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (15) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

- 3) When there is an awareness of The Kingdom that has come to them, then the response is to repent, and believe the Gospel – That God loves us, that Jesus paid the price for us to enter the Kingdom and that we will receive the gift of everlasting life with Him.

Mark 10:13-15 KJV And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. (14) But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. (15) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

- 4) We need to not only believe, but “receive” the kingdom of God... when children came to Jesus, He drew a parallel to coming to the Kingdom and the attitude must be like a child – an uncomplicated willingness to receive

Our role as believers is to bring the Kingdom of God close enough to people so they can see it.

Sharing our faith with others... OH NO... He’s talking about “witnessing”... the subject that brings grown men to their knees...

Eight reasons why people avoid sharing their faith...

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These 8 “excuses” are reinforced in our lives when we try to “talk people into the Kingdom” when they aren’t ready...

When people are ready, they want to come into the Kingdom! – Some have practically begged me to tell them what they needed to do to enter God’s kingdom... no “arm twisting”, no long “debates”...

- So our goal is to “reveal” the Kingdom in a way that builds interest, and not to push away people before they are ready.

A Biblical Model for bringing the Kingdom to your family, friends and others that you come into contact with...

Ed Silvano, who has written and taught on “ministering in the marketplace” uses four phrases to give a plan of action for bringing The Kingdom close enough to individuals so that they want in.

- 1) Bless – Pray God’s Peace upon People as you interact with them... - they will “pick up the vibes”
- 2) Fellowship – Jesus wasn’t afraid to be a “friend of sinners”... don’t need to “partake” in sin...
- 3) Minister - Luke 9:1-2 KJV Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. – to us as well!
- 4) Proclaim Luke 9:1-2 KJV (2) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:5-9 KJV And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. (6) And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. (7) And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give. for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. (8) And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: (9) And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

These “steps” would “progress” only as a positive response is received by you...

- We never need to “force” the kingdom... simply state truth and minister in the “Power of God” and “they” will want to learn and see more when the Holy Spirit opens their eyes and stirs their hearts

Our Mindset needs to be that Jesus has already “redeemed” or paid the price for the soul of every man, woman and child... our job is to go and “reclaim” what has been bought and paid for.

We are not “meddling” in the personal lives of others by trying to influence them for Christ... these people have had their sins paid for, just like you and me... Jesus died for them, and our commission is to go “into the highways and byways, and to compel them to come in” by revealing the presence, power and reality of our Lord Jesus whom we serve.

- 1) Bless
- 2) Fellowship
- 3) Minister
- 4) Proclaim

The Statement we need to be ready to ask is this... “The Kingdom of God has come to you today... would you like to come into the Kingdom?”