

Final Kingdom: Fullness of the Kingdom

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Reflection & Discussion

For the last few months, we have looked at what exactly the Kingdom of God is that Jesus talked so much about

This Kingdom is “Now” and “Not Yet”.

*What have been your takeaways from this series? Do you have a fresh perspective on the Kingdom?

*What does the “now” part of the Kingdom look like to you today?

Revelation is less a puzzle to solve about the future and more a reminder of who truly rules

Read and discuss Revelation 21:17 (NIV)

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

*What does this passage tell us about the Kingdom? How does it challenge ‘heaven’ as the ultimate goal?

*How does the Kingdom of not yet change our relationship and communion with God?

The Kingdom in its fullness is about ALL things being made right

Not going to heaven to escape the earth, but a renewed earth where we dwell with God.

*Dream for a moment about what the Kingdom in its fullness looks like – discuss and share some of your thoughts on the Not Yet Kingdom.

*How does this reframe our participation in the Kingdom now?

The Kingdom in its fullness is the restoration of broken systems, the restoration of cultures and peoples

Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

*What does this passage say about the Kingdom? About our purpose there?

*What would it look like for something to be made right here? What broken thing in our world, is a place you might be able to make a small impact for the Now Kingdom?

*What is the Spirit prompting you to do with this picture of the Kingdom of God? Is there a step you are spurred to take?