

MESSAGE NOTES

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“GOD’S KINGDOM COMES...”

What things in your life do you have to wait for?

READ: Luke 17:20-25

²⁰ Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

²² Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ Men will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. ²⁴ For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

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What do you think of when you hear the word “kingdom?”

When the Pharisees thought about the kingdom of God, what did they expect?

- *“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place” (John 18:36).*
- *“The Kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you” (v20-21).*

What is God’s kingdom?

When we think about the kingdom of God, what do we expect?

Why do we pray “Your Kingdom Come?”

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How is our generation today, similar to Jesus’ generation?

- *“For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear” (2 Timothy 4:3).*

Of what does Jesus warn us?

- *“Do not go running after them” (v23).*
- *“For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other” (v24).*

Of what two things does Jesus’ command remind us?

How can you share God’s kingdom with the world?

- *“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).*