

THE KINGDOM OF GOD – 3 PAGE TEACHING NOTES

1. Nature of the Kingdom

- The Kingdom of God is invisible to the natural realm but manifests through Christ's authority and believer's faith
- It is spiritual, not physical, currently living within God's people
- It is 'already but not yet'—present now, fully revealed when Christ returns
- Entering the Kingdom means a new citizenship and way of life
- Key Scriptures: Luke 17:20–21; John 18:36; John 3:3

2. You Cannot Have a Kingdom Without a King

- God is the ultimate King of all creation
- Jesus is the perfect King—righteous, authoritative, and faithful
- A king rules, establishes order, provides, protects, and delegates authority
- Humanity was created to extend God's Kingdom (Gen. 1:26; Psalm 115:16)
- Adam's failure transferred authority to Satan (Luke 4:6)
- Jesus restored authority through His death and resurrection (Heb. 2:14–15)

3. God's Timeline

- Time was created for mankind; God works through a prophetic timeline centered on Jesus
- Pattern: 6 days labor / 1 day rest → 6000 years / 1000-year reign
- Purpose: restore disorder caused by sin and the devil
- Scriptures: Gen. 1:14; Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8; Rev. 20:6
- Phases: Before Christ → Christ's ministry → Church age → Christ's return

4. The Kingdom Before Christ

- God's Kingdom always existed but was limited in manifestation
- Israel established as God's chosen people and inheritance
- Nations divided and governed spiritually (Deut. 32:8–9; Acts 17:26)
- Holy Spirit did not indwell believers; sin covered temporarily
- Satan had significant authority in the earth
- God intervened at times to demonstrate sovereignty

5. When Jesus Came

- Jesus revealed and demonstrated the Kingdom clearly
- Message: 'The Kingdom of God is at hand' (Mark 1:14–15)
- He preached, healed, cast out demons, and taught truth
- He restored what Adam lost and reclaimed authority
- Revealed God as Father and reestablished relationship

- Scriptures: Luke 4:43; Luke 8:1; Acts 3:18–21

6. The Kingdom After Christ (Now)

- Jesus began the work and left it to believers to continue (Acts 1:1–2)
- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to advance the Kingdom
- Our role: preach, teach, heal, deliver, love, and represent Christ
- We pray and partner with God: 'Your Kingdom come' (Matt. 6:10)
- We contend with darkness and bring truth to a blinded world (2 Cor. 4:1–6)

7. Characteristics (Parables) of the Kingdom

- Mustard seed – small beginnings, great expansion (Luke 13:18–19)
- Leaven – spreads and influences everything (Luke 13:20–21)
- Treasure – worth everything (Matt. 13:44)
- Seed – produces a harvest over time (Mark 4:26–29)
- Nature: righteousness, peace, joy (Rom. 14:17)

8. The Clash of Kingdoms

- There is an ongoing conflict between God's Kingdom and the kingdom of darkness
- The world reflects absence of the King's physical rule
- Human systems fail apart from righteous leadership
- Believers contend spiritually for truth, freedom, and restoration

9. The Kingdom When Christ Returns

- Christ will return to fully establish His Kingdom on earth
- He will reign in righteousness, peace, and justice
- Restoration of all things will occur (Acts 3:19–21)
- Kingdom will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44)
- 1000-year reign brings rest from sin and conflict

Conclusion

- The Kingdom of God spans past, present, and future
- It is centered entirely on Jesus and His work
- Believers live in it now and prepare for its full manifestation
- Our mission is to expand it until the King returns