

5. A _____.

The most important question: “Who gets to be a part of the Kingdom of God?”

Good News to... (Matthew 5:3-12)

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest for your soul.” (Matthew 11:28)

“God, I don’t know exactly what it means to follow you yet, but I believe in you and I want to follow you. I want you to be my Lord and I want to be a part of your Kingdom. Thank you for forgiving my sin through your death on the cross and redeeming me from my former life and making it possible to be a part of your people. Teach me and change into what you created me to be.”



NEW KINGDOM

The Story So Far:

- The universe is the intentional act of a loving creator.
- God created humans “in his image” to care for and order the world toward flourishing.
- From the time of Adam and Eve, we all declare independence from God.
- This results in broken relationship with God and each other.
- God promises to bless the nations through Abraham’s descendants. We see a clear relationship between faith and blessing.
- God gives Israel (Abraham’s descendants) the Law which shows God’s love, provides God’s wisdom, and illustrates our need for holiness.
- Israel breaks the Law and is sent into Exile, but God promises a new King that will restore peace and bring justice to Israel.
- That king is Jesus, who comes to set up his Kingdom.

“From that time on, Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.’ (Mt 4:17)

Two Popular Views of the Kingdom

_____ Jeans People:

- Passionate about doing _____.
- “The Kingdom is _____ people doing good _____.” (Mt 11:4-5)

_____ Pants People”

- The Kingdom means personal _____.
- The work of the Kingdom is _____.

When Jesus talked about the Kingdom, he had a specific _____ in mind.

The Five Elements to a Kingdom:

1. A _____.

OT = First, _____ himself, then human kings.

NT = _____

2. A _____.

OT = The Law of _____.

NT = Sermon on the _____ (Mt 5-7)

3. A _____.

OT = The Promised Land

NT = A restored _____ and _____.

4. A _____ (authority)

People need a reason to listen to a King.

Most Kingdoms: _____ right of kings.

OT = “I am the God who brought you out of _____.”

NT = “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son...in whom we have _____.” (Col 1:12-14)