

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE SERIES

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Title: Travelling Light

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Read: : LUKE 8:1-21

Context: Jesus moving His disciples from the ones being taught about the kingdom of God to being the ones to be teaching about the kingdom. In some ways, from the classroom to the streets.

Read: Matthew 6:9-13

Question: What part of the Lord's prayer are you most familiar?

Question: What comes to your mind when you pray:

- o Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is Heaven
- o For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.?

Question: How would things be different if God answered these prayers?

Question: What do you think it means to tell people about the Kingdom of God?

#1. The Kingdom of God is about: Dwelling: God dwelling with us now and forever.

This has always been the heart and desire of God:

- o Garden of Eden – God with us
- o God's Instructions of building the Tabernacle / Temple in the OT – God with us
- o Jesus incarnation – Emmanuel – God with us
- o Outpouring of the holy spirit in the book of Acts and ever since – God with us
- o Second Coming of Christ – God with us (forever)

God has always had a plan for all the people (who have lived, do live and will live). He has a redemptive plan for the physical world that we walk on as well. The earth is His property. The heavens and all the earth are the Lord's and though he has gifted this to us for our use and stewardship, there is coming a day He will restore to its intended purpose.

#2. The Kingdom of God is about Dominion: When a person becomes a follower of Christ they are brought into this dominion (kingdom) and begin to walk out a Unique calling

This has always been the case:

- Adam and Eve – Garden of Eden: Fill earth.
- Instructions for Israel to build a Tabernacle? & Temple? Holy people that have dominion.
- Jesus: Demonstrated rule over the elements, evil, and all end of life matters (Luke 8).
- Disciples - Go into all the world and make followers, every tribe, tongue and nation.
Important to bring kingdom life, bring order to chaos, bring light to darkness.

Question: Do you think the coming of the Kingdom of God is necessary and long awaited?

Read Luke 9:3-4

Learning to talk about someone else's kingdom would be a real shift in focus and priority for many. Perhaps this is why in order to get His disciples focused on that task at hand, He stripped them down a bit. He told them to travel light.

Question: Why did Jesus "strip" His disciples down a bit?

- Don't take your stick / staff: represent self defence.
- Don't take a traveller's bag: perhaps represents stuff we need to secure our individuality.
- Don't take any food: perhaps represents the securing of our health.
- Don't take any money: perhaps represents the securing of our future.

Jesus was insuring His disciples would not buy into the lie that says:

- I am what I have
- I am what people say about me
- I am what I do

#3. The Kingdom of God is about: Dynasty:

Members of this kingdom (Christians) are part of a distinct family. A kingdom that is not of this world.

Question: Do you agree that you can't talk about the gospel or the kingdom of God without talking about eternity and eternal life?

Read Romans 8:17

This dynasty is all about a people for God's glory and has always been the case:

- In the garden of Eden

- In the Old Testament the calling of the nation of Israel which is still there –
- Through Christ both Jew and Gentile are heirs of God's glory
- Heirs of God's glory – not our glory ... God's glory ..

Challenge: Hold loosely to what you have. As was the case with the disciples Jesus may ask you to let go of some of your stuff and travel a little lighter. The great hope of the gospel is the full coming of the kingdom of God to earth, saving a people and restoring the earth for his reign and rule.

Question: Where do you see evidence of the reign and rule of Christ?

In Luke 9 Jesus sent the disciples to tell others about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Question: Who are you able to do this with? We can't help everyone, but we can help our #1

#1. Heal them: – This is important for quality of life, extending life, for God's glory, faith to grow in people's lives, a witness in this world and for important for people to receive care.

#2. Tell them about the kingdom of God: The already, but not yet kingdom. Tell them about the heart of God which is to break into the midst of everyday life and heal and restore.

.Question: Who is your # 1 to tell and heal?