



NOW WHAT?

Part 4: Conquering The Darkness

We continue our series, "Now What?" with guest speaker, Steve Cox. Being a Christian is not just a matter of 'getting saved and going to heaven'. It is partnering with Jesus in the power of the Spirit to advance the Kingdom now, bringing heaven's reality to earth in terms of forgiveness, justice, holiness, and healing.

Ice Breaker

Have you ever had someone ask you to help them become a Christian? If so, did you feel prepared to talk about it? How did the conversation go?

Choose a Few of These Questions to Discuss

1. What do you think about the statement, "Being a Christian is a lot more than 'having our sins forgiven' and 'going to heaven'?"
2. Steve framed the Gospel in terms of the grand Biblical narrative consisting of CREATION, FALL, ISRAEL, JESUS' REDEMPTION & THE KINGDOM, JESUS' RETURN. What do you think of this way of understanding/communicating the Christian faith?
3. Why do you think that in many churches the subject of the Kingdom of God is not talked about?
4. What did you think of the subject of our call to reign and partner with God, first in creation, and now with Jesus & the Kingdom?
5. What do you think of the idea that Jesus is now continuing to build the Kingdom, through the church, by the power of the Spirit?

Scriptures to Read and Discuss

Choose one or more of these scriptures. Read them through a couple of times and choose one word or phrase that stands out to you. Share with each other.

- Colossians 1:13-14
- John 14:12
- Luke 10:1-2, 9, 17-20

Moving Forward

What would it look like in your life to partner with Jesus in building the kingdom in the power of the Spirit? Have a minute of silent reflection and ask the Holy Spirit how this might look like in your life.

Pray

Pray for one another especially in areas where you sense God is nudging you to step into your call to reign or where you feel there is a darkness to overcome.