



January 18 – It's Not a Fairytale – The Kingdom of God

We all think Jesus spent a lot of time talking about love (which he did), but do you know what he talked about 4x more? Come join us this weekend as we look at what Jesus had to say about his favorite topic!

- First: _____ for Jesus being here

Luke 4:43

I must preach the Good News of God's kingdom in other cities too, for this is why I was sent.

- Second: _____ is the King

Psalm 99:1-5

The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake!

² *The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations.*

³ *Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!*

⁴ *Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness throughout Israel.*

⁵ *Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!*

- Third: Jesus launched a _____
 - Love their neighbor (Matthew, Mark and Luke)
 - And their enemies (Matthew and Luke)
 - Show mercy (Mark and Luke)
 - Feed the hungry (Mostly Matthew, examples in Mark and Luke too)
 - Clothe the naked (Matthew)
- Fourth: Introduced the _____ Kingdom

Luke 17:20-21 NLT

²⁰ *One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. ²¹ You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among/within you."*

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come – thy will be done

Matthew 25:

Then the king, the Son of Man will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Questions:

- Before today's sermon, when you think of the Kingdom of God – what comes to mind? What does it look like? Where is it? What is happening?
- If the Kingdom of God is within you today – what does that mean to you for your daily life? What does it call forth from you?
- When you think of the Kingdom of God – where do you see yourself? What role do you play in the kingdom? Are you on the sidelines, cheering Jesus on? Are you a referee, trying to make sure everyone does the right thing? Are you a player on the field? Or selling concessions, but not part of the action? Where do you think Jesus is calling you to be present?

Reading for the Week:**Monday:** John 14:1-7**Tuesday:** John 14:15-21**Wednesday:** Luke 6:2-5**Thursday:** Luke 11:9-13**Friday:** Matthew 5:37-48