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Theme:

“The Kingdom of God: God’s Rule in Us and Through Us”

Key Verse:

(Matthew 6:33) *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

Introduction

The Kingdom of God is one of the central themes of Jesus’ ministry. He preached it, demonstrated it, and called His disciples to live in it. Many people think of the Kingdom only as heaven after we die, but the Bible shows that it is both a present reality and a future hope.

When Jesus said, “The kingdom of God has come near” (**Mark 1:15**), He meant that God’s reign, rule, and authority had broken into our world through Him. The question for every believer is: **Are we living as citizens of that Kingdom right now?**

Key Scriptures

1. **Mark 1:14–15** – Jesus begins His ministry by announcing the Kingdom.
 2. **Luke 17:20–21** – “The kingdom of God is within you.”
 3. **Matthew 13:31–33** – Parables showing the Kingdom’s growth and influence.
 4. **Romans 14:17** – The Kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 5. **Revelation 11:15** – The future fulfillment of God’s Kingdom over all the earth.
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1. The Kingdom of God is God’s Rule and Reign

- It is not a physical territory but God’s sovereign authority in heaven and on earth.
- In the Old Testament, God ruled through kings, prophets, and priests.
- In the New Testament, Jesus brings the Kingdom directly into human experience.

Scripture: **Psalms 103:19** – “The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules overall.”

2. The Kingdom is Already Here but Not Yet Fully Revealed

- **Already:** Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, the Kingdom has entered human history.
- **Not Yet:** The full manifestation will happen when Christ returns.
- This tension means we live between *promise* and *fulfillment*.

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 15:24–25** – Jesus will hand the Kingdom over to the Father after defeating every enemy.

3. The Kingdom of God Works from the Inside Out

- The Kingdom is first a change of heart—God’s rule begins in the human soul before it’s seen in the world.
- Transformation starts internally and manifests in our relationships, communities, and culture.

Scripture: [Luke 17:21](#) – “The kingdom of God is within you.”

4. The Kingdom Requires Kingdom Living

- To live as citizens of the Kingdom means obeying God’s Word and reflecting His character.
 - Kingdom living includes:
 - **Seeking God first** ([Matthew 6:33](#))
 - **Living righteously** ([Romans 14:17](#))
 - **Walking in love and forgiveness** ([Colossians 3:13–14](#))
 - **Serving others** ([Mark 10:45](#))
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5. The Kingdom Comes with Power

- The Kingdom is not just talk but power through the Holy Spirit.
- Kingdom people carry God’s authority to heal, restore, and proclaim the good news.

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 4:20](#) – “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.”

Discussion Questions

1. How would you explain the Kingdom of God to someone who thinks it’s only about going to heaven?
 2. What are some ways you’ve experienced the “already” of the Kingdom in your life?
 3. How can we live daily as citizens of God’s Kingdom while still living in this world?
 4. In what areas of your life does God’s rule need to be more fully established?
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Application

- **Seek God's reign in your heart** – Invite Him to rule over every decision, thought, and desire.
 - **Live with Kingdom values** – Let righteousness, peace, and joy shape your interactions.
 - **Advance the Kingdom** – Share the gospel, serve others, and be a light in your workplace, family, and community.
 - **Stay Kingdom-minded** – Remember, you are an ambassador of Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:20](#)).
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Conclusion:

The Kingdom of God is not distant it is here. Jesus calls us to live in it now and look forward to its fullness in eternity. When we seek His Kingdom first, everything else falls into place under His divine order.