

Bible Study: St. John's – West Bend

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Prayer/Discipleship Stories/ Introduction

- How do you know that a kingdom exists?
- What do you know about kings (how do you know this)?
- Do you think about what life would be like under a king?
- What about “kinging”? What was expected of kings?
- What did God say about kings and kinging? [Read 1 Samuel 8](#)

[Read John 18:28-38](#)

- What kind of King did Jesus say He was?
- Where is His Kingdom? When did Jesus become King?
- How did the King of the Jews act as King? Did Christ's followers expect this? Enemies? What was surprising?

[Read Isaiah 52:13 – Chapter 53 \(verses 1-3 for Services\)](#)

- What did the prophet Isaiah say about the coming King?
- What adjectives did Isaiah use to describe Him?
- What was this King going to do... His actions?

[Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

- What does God tell us about our earthly “kings”?
- What is the desire of God in 1 Timothy 2:3-4? How is Jesus different than earthly authorities?
- What is a “King's Ransom”? How does Jesus connect with this?

[Return to the Kingdom of God](#)

- Christ is the Eternal King! Kings are only kings if they are actively reigning in their kingdoms. Describe God's Kingdom... now.
- What is the language of the Kingdom of God? Your life?
- Can “Kingdom thinking” help your *Household of Faith*? How?
- What do you expect of THE KING? What is surprising by the current reign of Jesus? Are more surprises coming? Describe...

The Word of God is the Eternal King speaking and acting in His Kingdom!

[Matthew 13:47-50](#)

“Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

[Luke 17:20-21](#)

Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, He answered them, “The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

[Romans 14:17](#)

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

[Daniel 2:44](#)

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the Kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever...

[Revelation 11:15](#)

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”

[Matthew 6:9-10](#)

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...”

[Hebrews 12:28](#)

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

Closing Prayer