

## Week 3

### Discussion – 17 November 2002

1. **The Kingdom in evangelism and making disciples**
  - **Good news:** The Kingdom is a common basis for evangelism but not often explained in those terms
  - **The Kingdom *is* making disciples:**
    - Needs to be evident in our lives, not just words
    - Isn't just a birth, but also helping people to 'grow up' as Christians
  - **Difficult concept to grasp for western thinking**
  - **Jesus showed Kingdom first through signs**
  
2. **Eschatology**
  - **Gives us perspective:** God's complete justice and reward will come
  - **Context:** Reminds us what we should value—unseen things, losing life to find it
  - **Hope:** If things are not going to plan, reminds us of value
  
3. **Eternal versus chronological (linear) time**
  - **'We don't know'**
  - **Jesus experienced time as we do**
  - **Jesus did miracles not by virtue of his status as God but by the Spirit:** we can also have his Spirit in our time
  - **Why don't we experience it all now?**
    - Jesus himself could not do miracles at certain times
    - Defeat of Satan's kingdom is still in progress—mopping up after D-Day
    - Delay is short even considering eternal perspective
  
4. **Implications of mystery of the Kingdom?**
  - **Constant possibility of God breaking in**
  - **'Now, not yet' dynamic**
  - **Holy Spirit can break in today—either as a temporary or the final experience**