

Week 3

Exercises

1. Good news is an important part of Isaiah's view of the Kingdom, and quoted by Jesus (Isaiah 61:1-2). In fact Jesus preached 'the good news of the kingdom' (Matt. 4:23). How prominent a part has Kingdom theology been in your experience of **evangelism**, either personally, in your local church, or in the wider church? How can / should an understanding of the Kingdom impact the **making of disciples**?
2. Is an understanding of **eschatology** any earthly use?! Seriously, thinking of the promises that we read of in Isaiah and Daniel of what is to come on the 'day of the Lord', **what impact do they have on us now**?
3. How can the Kingdom be both present and future? Consider perhaps how an eternal God, who has no beginning or end, who is everpresent everywhere and in all things, would experience **chronological (linear) time**, the teachings of Jesus about **who He is** and of the **age that was to come**.
4. What are the implications of the mystery of the Kingdom for us today? Consider how we are to live in the present age with the **knowledge of the future age**, and the constant possibility of the **future age breaking into** the present, perhaps even **what we could do** to make the future break into the present.