

Week 4

Discussion – 24 November 2002

1. **Significance of overlapping present/future age**
 - Gentiles otherwise would not be right with God
 - Others can receive the Kingdom through our prayers
 - Spiritual gifts
 - Forgiveness of sins
 - Hope – present and future
 - Model of how to live with others
 - Tension of blessings and dryness
 - Makes us dependent on the Lord
 - Evangelism
 - Bringing the Kingdom with us
 - Hard work!

2. **Israel and the gentiles**
 - **Israel:** (1) nation/race; (2) people of God; (3) Israel of God – incl. gentiles 'grafted in'
 - **Gentiles:** (1) anyone not born of a Jewish mother; (2) outside the Israel of God
 - **Church:** Everyone God calls to his purpose
 - 'Good news' refers to good news of Isaiah
 - **Good news:** (1) Kingdom near; (2) salvation; (3) all nations; (4) supernatural
 - Romans 11 – blindness of Israel – growing Jewish acceptance of Jesus
 - Romans 9-11: gentiles grafted onto tribe of Judah
 - Isaiah: salvation for nations/gentiles too

3. **How to explain Kingdom and healing**
 - Difficult in 2 minutes!
 - Demonstrate it
 - Let them know that it is no problem if it doesn't happen
 - Star Trek analogy: wormhole
 - Examples and analogies difficult – Kingdom is unique

4. **When did Kingdom of God first break through, when consummated?**
 - Don't know the day or the hour when consummated – Mt. 24:36
 - OT – there at creation; Daniel experienced, predicted
 - Birth of Jesus
 - Simeon's prophetic revelation
 - Baptism of Jesus
 - Ministry of Jesus
 - Cross – second Adam – it is finished
 - Pentecost