

Week 5

Discussion – 1 December 2002

1. **Examples of Kingdom breakthroughs**
 - **Proclamation as trigger:** Preaching on Isaiah 55 – immediate breakthrough in meeting
 - **Praise as trigger:** passengers praising on Tube – sudden powerful presence of the Lord

2. **What do we expect/hope from Kingdom breakthroughs**
 - **Restoration of Eden**
 - **God's enemies defeated**
 - **God's will fulfilled in our life**
 - **What if there is no obvious breakthrough?**
 - Still taught by God himself
 - Patient waiting
 - Expectant waiting
 - Persistence
 - Gaining God's broader viewpoint

3. **Acts 4**
 - **Expectation** – vv. 23-24 – God who made heaven and earth and everything in them; history of God's intervention; expectation he would carry on
 - **Prayer** – vv. 29-30 – prayer for boldness and empowerment)
 - **Proclamation** – v. 31, 33 – spoke the word boldly, testified to resurrection of Jesus
 - **Breakthrough** – v. 31 – place shaken, filled with Holy Spirit; anointing on testimony
 - **Results** – v. 33 grace on them all; mercy, compassion ministries; also results in chapter 5