

Week 5

The Kingdom in the New Testament (3)

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BRINGING IN THE KINGDOM

1. Summary of teaching
 - Jesus personifies the Kingdom
 - Jesus, the Messiah
 - Jesus came as an announcer of the Kingdom
 - Bringing in the Kingdom through expectation, prayer and announcement
 - Jesus' commission to His disciples
 - Jesus' commission to us
 - Announcing the Kingdom in practice

2. Major issues
 - What triggers the unleashing of future age powers in this present age?
 - How can we make the in-breaking of the Kingdom more likely?
 - Co-working with the Holy Spirit in announcing the Kingdom.

3. Importance
 - Jesus expected the disciples to continue the announcement of the Kingdom
 - The announcement of the Kingdom is our commission too
 - An understanding of Kingdom announcement underpins Vineyard ministry practice

ACTS OF THE KINGDOM

1. Introduction
 - The 'facts of Acts'
 - Executive summary – Acts 1:1 – 1:11

What Jesus did and taught

 - Jesus was raised from the dead
 - Jesus spoke of the Kingdom and gave instructions
 - Receive the Holy Spirit and his power
 - Be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Samaria, ends of the earth
 - Jesus ascended to heaven
 - Jesus will return in the same way
2. Whose acts?
 - God
 - Jesus Christ
 - Holy Spirit
 - Apostles
 - Church
 - You and me
3. Course summary as found in Acts
 - Promises of the Kingdom
 - Pictures of the Kingdom
 - Centrality of Jesus
 - Mystery: now and not yet
 - Implications, bringing in the Kingdom
4. Example – Pentecost (Acts 1-2)
 - Expectation
 - Prayer
 - Breakthrough
 - Proclamation
5. 'Just do it'!

'Kingdom' in Acts

Acts 1:3: He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:6: They asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

Acts 8:12: [T]hey believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 14:22: We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:8: Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.

Acts 20:25: 'Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.'

Acts 28:23: 'From morning till evening he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.'