

The Kingdom of God

Our study this week is again about the Kingdom of God. Gods kingdom operates completely different from the world's system. Jesus taught us that "his kingdom is not of this world" (**John 18: 33-37**). The apostle Paul also used language to tell us that once we were born again we were no longer part of this world and our citizenship is in heaven (**Philippians 3:20**). The kingdom is now within us. Please read the following scriptures to keep them before your eyes and in your thoughts.

Read Matthew 6:33, Luke 12:32, Luke 17:20-21

Read Luke 5:1-11

1. Jesus began to teach from Peter's boat. Jesus used his boat and at that moment it switched jurisdictions. It was now under the Kingdom of God. Think about that! Are all of your possessions God's? I hope you answered yes. We are stewards of all that is the Lord's and he blesses us with them. The kingdom of heaven is not a kingdom of "lack". God's kingdom (heaven) is one of abundance.

Read: Deuteronomy 8:18, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Proverbs 10:22

2. Jesus was about to teach Peter a number of powerful Kingdom principles. In vs's 4 and 5 he tells Peter to go into the deep water and throw out the nets. Peter explains that they have worked (toiled) all night and have caught nothing. But because Jesus said so he threw the "net". **Please note: many scholars believe that the word is net, singular. Peter did not believe the words of Jesus. Jesus knew where to throw the nets.**

Jesus was about to show them that he would redeem the toil, cursed system.

Read: Galatians 3:13-14, Deuteronomy 28:12-13,

Remember: as per our previous study, Jesus came to restore what was lost in the garden. The system of toil was placed on Adam, but the second Adam, Jesus destroyed that curse and gave us back dominion or the Kingdom of God with all it's benefits.

Think about your own life. Are you toiling? If you are it's time to operate in the Kingdom system and your destiny which God has designed for you. Peter had given up for the day but what he didn't realize was he was moments away from breakthrough. Don't give up!! Listen to the words of the Master. Receive your breakthrough!!

3. Peter's response.

Reread Luke 5:8-10

Why did Peter say I am a sinful man?

Why did Jesus say "don't be afraid?"

I believe Peter thought Jesus would judge him and chastise him for his lack of faith. Instead Jesus introduces him to the Kingdom. Love, grace, mercy, compassion, forgiveness and so on!!

Kingdom principles from this passage:

1. **We are stewards in the Kingdom**
2. **We listen and obey the words of the King**
3. **Faith requires action (throw the nets)**
4. **Fear is not a part of the Kingdom**