



KINGDOM COME

SEEK | UNDERSTAND | LIVE | PURSUE | EXPECT

Understanding The Kingdom | Mat 13:1-9, 18-23, Luke 13:18-21

1. How are you being encouraged or challenged by our 'Kingdom Come' series so far, what impressed upon you from this week's teaching?
2. Jesus sometimes used parables to communicate his message to those he encountered. He told a story as a metaphor to express a deep spiritual truth. What metaphor have you found useful in sharing an understanding of the Kingdom? What metaphors might you use to communicate the Kingdom to our contemporary culture?
3. Read Matthew 13:1-9 together. Jesus was experiencing a mixed reception to his message of the Kingdom; in what ways do you identify with his experience.
4. What do you notice about the conditions of the soil in which the farmer is sowing seed? What meaning do you make from this?
5. Read Matthew 13:18-23 together. Jesus explains his parable. What are the spiritual truths he has contained in his metaphor? Where and how have you personally encountered this in your own experience of sharing the faith with others. Perhaps you have a story to share that demonstrates this.
6. Thinking of others: when we encounter hard hearts, shallow hearts, thorny hearts, and receptive hearts, how might we minister? What do we need to nurture or cultivate?
7. Thinking of ourselves: what is the condition of our own hearts just now? When it comes to our discipleship, what do we need to nurture or cultivate?
8. Thinking of God's mission: the invitation is to participate in His action as He brings about the fullness of his Kingdom. In what ways are you being invited to participate?
9. Read Luke 13:18-21 together. Where do you see the Kingdom advancing?
10. *'Blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear'* – spend some time in prayer together. Ask that the Lord would reveal a deeper understanding of the Kingdom to you, that your eyes and ears would be open to all that he is doing.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

