

Sunday, February 14, 2021 - "Remarkable - Week 5: The Kingdom" - Dr. Rob Reimer

Key Passages: Mark 1:15, Mark 3:12, Mark 6:7, 12, Matthew 28

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Why is there a gap between Jesus in the Bible and the experience in the church?
- Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever
- Jesus' message = the kingdom
 - Mark 1:15 (Kingdom of God is in our midst)
 - What he did is connected to this message
 - His first and last message was the Kingdom of God
- The Kingdom of God
 - The reversal of everything that went wrong when sin entered the world
 - Heaven's reign over the tyranny of sin on Earth
 - No sickness in Heaven → Jesus heals, No demons in Heaven → Jesus casts them out
- Repenting = coming back into alignment with God
 - Not the entire Gospel
 - The Gospel is the eradication of all that sin has ruined
 - We are forgiven but the effects of sin are also overcome
- Mark 3:12
 - Be, abide, remain → intimacy
 - Then Jesus sent them out to preach the Kingdom
- Mark 6:7,12
 - Sent out 2 by 2 and given authority
 - Demonstrate the Kingdom of God
 - Matthew 28 - Great Commission
 - Meant for the church
 - Kingdom normal = cast out demons and heal the sick
- Too often we think that is who Jesus WAS and what He DID...instead...This is who He IS and this is what HE does
- No proclamation of the Gospel without demonstration of power
- Jesus proved he could forgive sins by demonstrating His power
- Secret to the Kingdom = When the King shows up the Kingdom comes
- How do we become these kinds of Kingdom people?
 1. Understand the nature of the King, the full message of Kingdom
 2. Take some risks
- We have to go after Him and His presence...a persistent pursuit of His presence

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How would you describe the Kingdom of God? What does it mean to you?
2. How has God showed you how repentance is coming back into alignment with Him?
3. Have you ever had experience with casting out demons or healing the sick? What was it like?
4. What does it look like for you to be/abide/remain with God? How does it play out in your life?
5. When was the time when you experienced the presence of Jesus? What was it like?
6. What does a persistent pursuit of God's presence look like for you?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Mark 15 Tues: Mark 16 Wed: Psalm 51:1-17 Thurs: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Fri: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Songs from the weekend: [In Jesus' Name - Israel Houghton] - [Lion and the Lamb - Bethel Music] - [Promises - Maverick City Music] - [Alpha and Omega - Israel Houghton]