

K I N G D O M

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- Matthew 28:18-20

1. Disciples operate under Jesus’ authority and GO
2. We baptize in the Father/Son/Holy Spirit
3. We teaching men and women to observe God’s Word

How do we encourage someone become a Christ follower and how do we help them move from here to there? Here are some thoughts!

- ✓ Define there for you
- ✓ How do I define process that is God-centered and personally adaptive?
- ✓ How do I give my heart and mind to pursue movement each day?

Remember:

- ✓ *Connectivity requires effort, cultivating, and vigilance*
- ✓ *Distractions are many and must be wisely navigated*
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Whom has God placed in my circle of discipleship?

My spouse

My kids and grand kids

Who are my likely “neighbors” where I may cultivate?



K I N G D O M C O N N E C T I V I T Y

*And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonas,
because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you,
but My Father who is in heaven.
I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build
My church; and the gates of death will not overpower it.*

*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever
you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever
you set free on earth shall be set free in heaven.”*

- Matthew 16:17-19 -

The word *church* (a called-out assembly) is mentioned only
three times in the Gospels while the *Kingdom* is spoken of 50 times in
Matthew, 15 in Mark, 35 in Luke, and 11 times in John.

Why do you think this is?

The church is birthed through the Kingdom of Heaven.

The King’s church is all about connectivity with the King and His Kingdom.



Perspective

Since the Jesus explosion in the Gospels and Acts, the church in history has done much good. Often a civilizing factor in many decades and centuries, she has stepped up to present Her King to many. Like all human institutions, however, she has also been co-opted by her own pharisees and religious leaders. Wherever any historical opportunity or success occurs, mankind often thinks he or she can manage things better than the Holy Spirit. And so, instead of speaking accurately for God, we convolute the meaning of King, Kingdom, and Church. This is often why the credibility of so-called saints of the church is compromised, and why testimony to the King suffers.

So - She experiences Her successes and failures - as do all human institutions, and will be held to the Word of God for Her dedication to truth and effectiveness of mission - as will all human institutions. From God's Word we have concluded that the Spirit's unfolding power and protection for Jesus followers is **King first, then, Kingdom, then church**.

So, to discover the principles and power of the Kingdom Church, we must turn to the **King** of the earth to understand what it means to honor and follow God. Everyone has his or her idea of what church is and what it should look like. This is why there are so many church buildings on so many corners. *We will do it this way. We will do it better. We will build the church.* Consider however:

She is a Spiritual House being prepared for Heaven, called out of darkness into God's Light

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."
- Ephesians 2:19-22

She is to be the Pillar and Support of the Truth

"...but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth."
- 1 Timothy 3:15

The Church is the Bride of Jesus

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." - Revelation 19:7

In order to understand the Kingdom Church, we must consult the words and teachings of our King. Remember, He is the One Who is building His Church (Matthew 16:18).

Your Kingdom Team



Praying for the KINGDOM CHURCH

Jesus is our Rescuer (Luke 19:10)
We lift up Creator God Who is our rescuer.

Jesus is our Teacher (John 8:31,32)
We are followers of the teaching of Jesus and His Father.

Jesus is our Healer (John 7:38; Luke 23:43)
We are blessed with the healing of Jesus for our past, present, and future.

Jesus is our Comforter and Guide (John 14:18-24)
We grow in the comfort of the Spirit toward a free conscience.

Jesus is the Head of His Church (Revelation 21:1)
We pray for Kingdom workers around the world.

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Isaiah 61:1-3

*The Spirit of the Lord God has anointed Me:
To bring good news to the afflicted (poor in spirit)
Bind up the broken-hearted (those who mourn)
Release and freedom to captives
Recovery of sight to the blind
Set free the oppressed
Proclaim the coming of Lord God's supremacy*

"To bring these to those who mourn among His people, giving them a beautiful identity instead of futility, the oil of joy instead of mourning, a covering of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. They will be called supports of righteousness, in the Lord's garden, that He may be glorified."

"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." - Luke 4:14-21



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KINGDOM CHURCH

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Distinctives for Kingdom Connectivity

Organic over organizational/invisible over visible

- House to House/learning about and using our Spirit gifts (Acts 5:42; Ephesians 4:14-16)
- One-another Word focused (Romans 12:9-13)
- Celebrating the Lord's supper (Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- Sharing Psalms/Hymns/Spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:15-21)
- Speaking of the Father's goodness and Jesus' friendship (John 15:12-17)

Word connecting

- Connecting with *Jesus* in the healing of our souls (Exodus 15:26; John 8:31-32)
- Connecting with the *Father* in bending before His authority (Exodus 20:3; John 17:20-24)
- Connecting with the *Spirit* in sensitivity to hearing God's voice (Romans 8:26-27)

Resourced by Wisdom/the woven threads of the Father

- The Bible interpreting itself (2 Peter 1:19-21)
- Noble-minded men and women searching daily (Acts 17:11)
- Finding and walking the God path (Isaiah 50:45)

A Christ-follower's Servant focus

- Word of God and Prayer (Acts 2:42; Acts 6:4)
- Pursuit of building disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

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A KINGDOM CONNECTIVITY GET-TOGETHER

Being Discipled by God as a group/an hour or so with our King!

Song/God invitation

Hymn

Passage

Spiritual Song

Psalm

Lord's supper (Matthew 26)

20 Minutes in the Word

Prayer for our Pressing Needs

Testify

Catch Up/praying for each other

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ." - Ephesians 5:15-21

- √ Process re: discipling and what about young children and family life things?
- √ What about choice of a place?
- √ What size of Group?
- √ How do we communicate?



Connectivity Training for the Kingdom Church

20 CORE Podcasts about Kingdom connectivity
First King - then Kingdom - then Church

Jesus Centric Podcasts Course at Fourthstream.com

1. What is it?
2. The Wisdom of Jesus
3. Matthew
4. Matthew
5. Mark
6. Mark
7. Luke
8. Luke
9. John
10. John
11. The Streamsbook: 40 Days to get to Know God's Son
12. Epoch 6: the Shining Light
13. Epoch 6: the Shining Light
14. Kingdom Spirituality
15. Kingdom Spirituality
16. Kingdom Spirituality
17. Kingdom Spirituality
18. Epoch 1: Origins
19. Epoch 1: Origins
20. Epoch 2: Deliverance
21. Epoch 2: Deliverance
22. Epoch 3: Kings & Kingdoms
23. Epoch 3: Kings & Kingdoms
24. Epoch 4: Prophets & Captivity
25. Epoch 4: Prophets & Captivity
26. Epoch 5: The Return/The Silence
27. Epoch 5: The Return/The Silence
28. Epoch 7: Ends of the Earth
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30. Epoch 8: End of the Age
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Curious Journey Book



The Kingdom Grows

1. *Preparation* (prophecies)
2. *Arrival* (accounts)
3. *Explosion* (results that are kingdom vs. man deliberate)