

Home Group Notes – Week 07/02/2016

Overview of The Kingdom of God (KOG)

Overall Concept

- KOG is the reign of God/ God's will being done/ God's ways/ God's order/ God's culture etc
- KOG is the King's Domain, the Dome in which God is King
- KOG expressed is "Christlikeness Universalised"
- KOG is "God's total answer to man's total need"
- In one sense, everything is God's Kingdom, however the NT speaks of it as God's active reign
- Some Tensions: Near and Far, Present and Future, Grows Gradually and Suddenly

Some Bible References

- NT message: Mt 4:23; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:43; Acts 1:3; 8:12; 19:8; 28:30-31
- Entry into Kingdom: Jn 3:3 (cf 5:24; 10:10); Col 1:13
- Presence of Kingdom: Exorcism (Lk 11:20), Healing (Lk 10:9)
- Slow Growth of Kingdom: Mt 13:31
- OT Promise: Is 9:6-7; Dan 2 32-35, 44, NT Promise: 1 Cor 15:20-26
- Lord's Prayer: Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4

Study Questions

- Why do you think Jesus taught about the KOG more than any other topic?
- How does this teaching about the KOG change the way you think about Christianity?
- What would a KOG culture look like?
- How is the KOG the answer to our every need?
- Why do you think we don't experience the KOG much in life?
- Does it make sense that the King is inseparable from His Kingdom?
- Understanding the big storyline of Scripture (Creation, Fall/ Rebellion, Redemption, New Creation), does it now make sense that Jesus' main mission was to re-establish God's Kingdom on earth?