

The New Testament

Jesus taught stories about the Kingdom: to enter it, to pray for it, how to live as citizens of it. He brought the Kingdom to humans and brought people into it. Jesus taught that belief in Him and a penitent heart are our connection to the Kingdom of God.



GOD: Jesus expresses the heart of the Father in His parables and especially in the "Two Lost Sons," aka *The Prodigal*: that He wants to restore us into His family as children.

HUMANS: Stories of the 'lost coin', 'lost sheep', and the 'lost son' show that without Jesus, we're lost; with Him, we're found.

Remember: All of us start OUTSIDE the Kingdom of God. Jesus wants to take OUTSIDERS and make them INSIDERS.

Time's Up! Change Your Thinking! The Kingdom of God is Here!

Q: What is the Kingdom of God? A: ANYWHERE GOD IS KING.

Q: Where is the Kingdom of God? A: If Christ is your King, the Kingdom is WITHIN YOU.

Q: How do I enter the Kingdom of God? A: REPENT & RESPOND to Jesus' invitation to faith.

Mark 10:13-15 – 13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. 14 When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”

What is the Kingdom of God Like?

Matthew 13:44-46 (TREASURE & PEARL)

*Key thought – WORTH EVERYTHING

Matthew 13:31-32 (MUSTARD SEED)

*Key thought – GROWS & TAKES UP SPACE

Matthew 13:33 (YEAST)

*Key thought – TOUCHES EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE

Luke 14:15-24 (BANQUET)

*Key thought – God wants A FULL HOUSE & There will be those who REJECT THE INVITATION

Will we answer Jesus' call and CHANGE & MAKE ROOM FOR THE KINGDOM (humility) or will we MAKE EXCUSES and LET LESSER THINGS RULE our lives (pride)?