

the Venues

Go Deep

“You’re Making My Dreams Come True”
April 2, 2017

Do you have a recurring dream? What is it?

What is your favorite dream?

God has a dream for the planet. It’s found in Matthew 6:10. Take a look.

What comes to your mind when you hear/read the word “kingdom”?

What are elements of a kingdom and how do they apply to God’s kingdom?

Read Mark 1:14-15

How is the good news connected to God’s kingdom?

What comes to your mind when you hear/read the word “repent”?

“Repent” simply means “to change your mind, the way you’re thinking.”

The people in Jesus’ day knew what it was like to live in a kingdom - **the Kingdom of Caesar, the Kingdom of Herod, even the religious Kingdom of the Law of Moses as seen in the Scribes and Pharisees.**

Read Luke 22:24-27

Describe and contrast Jesus’ kingdom with typical kingdoms of the world.

Matthew 5-7, commonly called “The Sermon on the Mount” because Jesus was sitting on the side of a mountain when he taught, gives to us a “Kingdom Manifesto”

“Manifesto” A public declaration of policy and aims

From what you know about the Sermon on the Mount, how would you describe Jesus’ manifesto?

For a summary statement of the manifesto, look at Matthew 7:12.

Read Matthew 7:15-23 in light of the entire sermon.

Any surprises to you?

What is Jesus trying to tell us?

Jesus helps us understand the kingdom by using object lessons. Here’s one: Mark 4:30-32.

What does the smallness of the mustard seed tell us about God’s Kingdom?

The mustard seed grew not into a tree, but into a shrub. Farmers didn’t like mustard shrubs in their gardens.

Compare the shrub metaphor for God's Kingdom with the kingdom described in Daniel 4:10-12. The birds who nest in the mustard shrub are the kinds of birds that farmers try to scare away with a scarecrow.

Read Luke 14:21 and Matthew 21:23-31.

What do the above verses and the mustard seed/shrub metaphor tell us about God's Kingdom?

Yogi Berra said, "Little things are big."

What are some little things you can do to make a big difference in your life, your relationships, your world?