

Kingdom of God | Already and Not Yet 10/20/2024

Reflect + Discuss

- What's something that you're looking forward to in the near future? What's something you're looking forward to that's further down the road?
- Read Matthew 13:31-33. What does it mean that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed? How is the Kingdom of God like yeast? In what ways can this help our perspective of the Kingdom today?
- Read Luke 17:21. What does Jesus mean by saying the kingdom is 'in our midst'? In what ways is the kingdom "already" here and what part is yet to be realized?
- Read John 16:33. How can this verse help shape our expectations during this period of the "already, but not yet"? Can you think of an area of your life where you are experiencing the tension of living in between? What are some examples of areas in life you are longing for the future kingdom?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:12. How is our relationship with God "murky" or "unclear" at the present time? How can the Holy Spirit help us become more like Jesus as we wait for the "not yet" to come?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23. Are there areas of your life where you have experienced Holy Spirit transformation? Can you identify fruit in your own life? What is an area where you'd like to see the Holy Spirit produce more fruit? What are some ways we can grow our desire for the Kingdom of God?

Pray

Pray that God will help us to become people who long for God's kingdom to flourish on the earth and in our lives. Pray that we may embrace the invitation to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we continue to reflect on this passage, pray that we will become more like Jesus.

Next Steps

Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u>.