

Seekers

(Mt 24:14) “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Church’s Commission: Gospel of Kingdom (no other reason to be here)

Jesus’ message (Lk 4:43) “I must preach the kingdom of God...because for this purpose I have been sent.”

Paul’s message (Ac 20:25) ...among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God...

What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?

(Mt 10:7-8) ⁷“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

(Lk 9:1-2) ¹Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Message and Demonstration (Power) - Power is the validation of the Kingdom
(Mt 12:28) ²⁸“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

(Lk 10:9) ⁹“And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

Great Commission Verses:

(Mk 16:15-18) ¹⁵And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸“they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

(Mt 28:18-20) ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

authority (Lk 9:1)

with us

(Mk 16:20) ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Problem! Why isn’t this happening?

(1Co 4:19-20) ¹⁹But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power.

(Lk 12:32) ³²“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

(Ro 8:31-32) ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Must be a receiving problem (Mt 10:8)

Expectation: if only receive information, its all we have to give

adjusted understanding/expectation – no longer accept level of failure (lies)

challenge our experience with Word/truth

Pursuit:

(Lk 12:31) ³¹“But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

contrast worry/needs/natural with spiritual (Mt 6:33)

(Ac 17:27) ²⁷“so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

paradox: the Near One must be sought – something in the seeking

(Je 29:11-13) ¹¹For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope ¹²Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

(Heb 11:6) ⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

(Mt 7:7-11) ⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹“Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰“Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Why isn't this happening? Seeking is rare.

(Ps 14:2) ²The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

(Ro 3:11) ¹¹There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

How do we seek Him?

(Ac 15:16-17) ¹⁶‘After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;...¹⁷So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD,

worship, prayer, word

persistently (Lk 18:1-8)

Psalm 24 – Seeker Generation, King of Glory enters (could this be us?)

Pray Ephesians 3:16-21

Pursuing His Presence, to Experience His Love, and Express His Fullness