

2025: Kingdom Citizens

Quarter 1 2025 (January-March): The Nature Of The Kingdom Of God

Understanding the Kingdom means recognizing it as a spiritual, eternal reign rather than an earthly political entity. Jesus established the Kingdom through His death, burial, and resurrection; and it is closely tied to His church. Members should understand that the church is the manifestation of God's Kingdom on earth. Jesus often used parables to illustrate aspects of the Kingdom of God (or Kingdom of Heaven), particularly emphasizing its spiritual, transformative, and eternal nature.

Focal Passage: Matthew 16:13-19 - When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Focal Song: #409 – The Church's One Foundation

Sunday: God's Perfect Plan (Part 1)

Teacher: Bill Fairchild / Eddie Caskey

Chapter One

- Lesson 1: Introduction
- Lesson 2: God's Plan and Grace
- Lesson 3: God's Plan and Faith
- Lesson 4: God's Plan and Eternal Life
- Lesson 5: The Evolution of God's Plan

Chapter 2

- Lesson 1: Son of God & Savior of the World
- Lesson 2: The Perfect Savior
- Lesson 3: The Savior And The Resurrection

Chapter 3

- Lesson 1: Salvation In Christ
- Lesson 2: The Great Salvation
- Lesson 3: The Common Salvation
- Lesson 4: The Conditional Salvation

Wednesday: Study Of The Kingdom Parables

Teacher: John Ezell

1. Introduction
2. The Parable of the Sower
3. The Parable of the Wheat & the Tares
4. The Parable of the Mustard Seed & The Parable of the Yeast
5. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure & The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price
6. The Parable of the Net
7. The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
8. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
9. The Parable of the Two Sons
10. The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers
11. The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
12. The Parable of the Ten Virgins
13. The Parable of the Talents

Planned Sermons

January 19, 2025: "Not Of This World: The Spiritual Kingdom"

- Understanding the spiritual nature of the Kingdom, as taught in **John 18:36**

February 16, 2025: "The Eternal Kingdom: Established By God's Authority"

- Exploring the prophecy and fulfillment of the eternal Kingdom, rooted in **Daniel 2:44** and **Isaiah 9:6-7**

March 16, 2025: "The Church As The Kingdom On Earth"

- Recognizing the church as the present manifestation of God's Kingdom (**Matthew 16:18-19** and **Acts 2**)

Quarter 2 2025 (April-June): The Identity And Role Of Kingdom Citizens

A Kingdom citizen is someone who has responded to God's call by repenting, confessing Christ, being baptized for the forgiveness of sins, and living a life committed to God. This includes understanding that Kingdom citizenship requires ongoing transformation and commitment to living according to God's will, demonstrating faith and obedience in every aspect of life.

Focal Verse: Colossians 1:13 - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Focal Song: #433 – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Sunday: God's Perfect Plan (Part 2)

Teacher: Eddie Caskey / Bill Fairchild

Chapter 4

- Lesson 1: The Mystery Revealed
- Lesson 2: Divine Revelation Explained
- Lesson 3: The Testimony of the Apostles
- Lesson 4: The Sufficiency of Revelation
- Lesson 5: The Finality of Revelation
- Lesson 6: The Authority of Revelation

Chapter 5

- Lesson 1: The Church: Kingdom of Christ
- Lesson 2: The Church in Prophecy
- Lesson 3: The Church in Existence
- Lesson 4: The King and the Kingdom
- Lesson 5: The Nature of the Kingdom
- Lesson 6: The Future of the Kingdom

Wednesday: Christianity In Action

Teacher: Craig Short

1. Practical Christianity
2. Faith: The Foundation Of Hope
3. Virtue: The Demonstration Of Excellence
4. Knowledge: A Guide To Eternity
5. Temperance: The Discipline Of Self-Control
6. Long-Suffering & Patience: Waiting With God
7. Godliness & Goodness: Companions & Contentment
8. Meekness: Trusting In God
9. Faithfulness: Loyalty To The Lord
10. Gentleness And Brotherly Kindness: Living With Men
11. Peace And Joy: Grace For Happiness
12. Love: The Bond Of Perfectness
13. Walking By The Flesh Or By The Spirit

Planned Sermons

April 20, 2025: "Born Again Into The Kingdom"

- Highlighting the new birth required to enter the Kingdom (**John 3:3-5**)

May 18, 2025: "Ambassadors For Christ"

- Examining the role of kingdom citizens as representatives of Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20**)

June 15, 2025: "Living As Lights In The World"

- Demonstrating the influence of Kingdom citizens in the world (**Matthew 5:14-16**)

Quarter 3 2025 (July-September): Responsibilities & Conduct Of Kingdom Citizens

Kingdom citizens are called to live lives that reflect God's standards of holiness, love, humility, and service. This includes worshipping God in spirit and truth, assembling with other believers, engaging in prayer and Bible study, showing compassion, and sharing the gospel. Kingdom living means practicing purity and righteousness as God's ambassadors.

Focal Verse: 1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

Focal Song: #550: For Christ And The Church

Sunday: The Christian's Responsibilities

Teacher: TBD

1. The Christian's Responsibilities Towards Self
2. The Christian's Responsibilities In The Home
3. The Christian As A Citizen
4. The Christians Responsibilities As A Member Of The Church
5. The Christian's Responsibilities In Worship
6. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward The Lost (1)
7. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward The Lost (2)
8. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward Those In Need
9. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward Weak Christians
10. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward His Job
11. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward Material Possessions
12. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward His Speech
13. The Christian's Responsibilities Toward The Community

Wednesday: Unity In The Local Church

Teacher: TBD

1. Unity in the Local Church
2. How Unity is Obtained - When Division Occurs
3. One God and Unity
4. One Lord and Unity
5. One Spirit and Unity
6. The Gifts of the One Spirit
7. One Faith and Unity
8. Vital Truths Regarding the One Faith
9. One Baptism and Unity
10. The One Baptism
11. The One Body and Unity
12. Observations Concerning the One Body
13. One Hope and Unity

Planned Sermons

July 27, 2025: "A Holy Nation And Royal Priesthood"

- Emphasizing the unique role of Christians as God's special people (**1 Peter 2:9-10**)

August 17, 2025: "Walking Worthy of the Kingdom"

- Calling for a life of faith, obedience, and service to reflect the Kingdom's values (**Colossians 1:10**)

September 21, 2025: "The Law of Christ: Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness"

- Following Christ's law and example in daily interactions (**Galatians 6:2**)

Quarter 4 2025 (October-December): The Promise Of Eternal Life And The Hope Of Christ's Return

Kingdom citizens live with an eternal perspective, understanding that their lives here are temporary, and they anticipate the return of Christ, the final judgment, and the promise of eternal life with God. This hope encourages them to persevere through trials, remain faithful, and share the gospel so others can also become part of God's Kingdom.

Focal Verse: Philippians 3:20 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

Focal Song: #506 – The Kingdoms Of Earth Pass Away

Sundays: The Search For Happiness

Teacher: Anthony Short

1. The Universal Quest
2. Jesus Came to Bring True Happiness
3. Make Up Your Mind to Be Happy
4. Make Sure Your Thoughts Are Happy Ones
5. Count Your Blessings and Be Thankful
6. Act Like You Are Happy
7. Concentrate on Solutions Rather Than Problems
8. "As From the Outside Looking In"
9. Define Life's Purpose
10. Locate and Focus Upon Life's Center
11. Conduct Your Life in Harmony With God's Will
12. Lose Yourself in Service to God and Others
13. Take Pleasure in Simple Things
14. Do Not Borrow Trouble From Tomorrow
15. Put Yesterday in the Rear View Mirror
16. Do Not Cherish Grudges
17. Trust in God's Providence
18. Wait Until the Final Chapter Has Been Written

Wednesdays: Then Comes The End

Teacher: Eddie Caskey

1. Physical Death & Immortality of the Soul
2. Hades: The Intermediate State
3. Reincarnation
4. The Doctrine of Purgatory
5. The Second Coming & The Resurrection
6. The Destruction of the Heavens and the Earth
7. The Judgment
8. Hell: Eternal Damnation
9. Heaven: The Reward of the Faithful
10. Millennial Theories
11. What Does the Bible Say About the Rapture?
12. What Does the Bible Say About the Battle of Armageddon?
13. What Does the Bible Say About the 1000 Year Reign of Christ?

October 19, 2025: "The Inheritance Of The Saints"

- Exploring the promise of eternal life and the incorruptible inheritance in Heaven (**1 Peter 1:3-5**)

November 16, 2025: "Our Citizenship In Heaven"

- Reaffirming the heavenly hope and allegiance to Christ above all (**Philippians 3:20-21**)

December 21, 2025: "Behold, He Comes: Living in Expectation"

- Encouraging readiness and faithfulness as we await Christ's return (**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**)