

Preparing to hear the Word ...

Make it your work with diligence to apply the word as you are hearing it. Cast not all upon the minister, as those that will go no further than they are carried as by force. You have work to do as well as the preacher, and should all the time be as busy as he. You must open your mouths, and digest it, for another cannot digest it for you. Therefore be all the while at work, and abhor an idle heart in hearing, as well as an idle minister.

J.I. Packer

Thoughts on Kingdom Reality ...

Christ is the Word of God. It is not in certain texts written in the New Testament, valuable as they are; it is not in certain words which Jesus spoke, vast as is their preciousness; it is in the Word, which Jesus is, that the great manifestation of God is made.

Phillips Brooks

In His coming the "last days" to which the Old Testament looked forward arrived, but they have not yet run their course; the Christian church is still living in this eschaton. Jesus' first coming inaugurated it; His second coming will consummate it. The coming of Jesus was, therefore, the beginning of the end.

R. T. France

But if we are to be kingdom-announcers, modeling the new way of being human, we are also to be crossbearers. This is a strange and dark theme that is also our birthright as followers of Jesus. Shaping our world is never for a Christian a matter of going out arrogantly thinking we can just get on with the job, reorganizing the world according to some model that we have in mind. It is a matter of sharing and bearing the pain and puzzlement of the world so that the crucified love of God in Christ may be brought to bear healingly upon the world at exactly that point. Because Jesus bore the cross uniquely for us, we do not have to purchase forgiveness again; it's been done. But because, as he himself said, following him involves taking up the cross, we should expect, as the New Testament tells us repeatedly, that to build on his foundation will be to find the cross etched into the pattern of our life and work over and over again.

N. T. Wright

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- The Pharisees were looking for:*
 - a political, military kingdom.
 - cosmic signs that the kingdom of God was coming.
 - a leader that would agree with them.
 - all of the above.

- Jesus healed 10 lepers but the only one who thanked Him:*
 - was a priest.
 - was a Pharisee.
 - was a foreigner.
 - all of the above.

- When Jesus said "The kingdom is in your midst":*
 - He meant that He had brought God's power to earth.
 - He was joking.
 - He was just acting out a part in a play.
 - all of the above

For Family Discussion: What is the main benefit of the Kingdom of God? How can we share this benefit with others?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

KINGDOM _____	TOTAL: _____
LEPROSY _____	_____
HEALING _____	_____
PHARISEES _____	_____
AUTHORITY _____	_____
RESCUE _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

KINGDOM LEPROSY HEALING PHARISEES JESUS AUTHORITY GOD
 RESCUE SALVATION POWER ASSAULT INVASION VILLAGE THANKS
 SAMARITAN CLEANSED PRIEST STAND FAITH GRATITUDE MIDST
 LOOK MESSIAH SIGNS MIRACLES DOUBTING BLIND NINE TEN LAW

T Y O X I H L F T T O A P O A T N
 N S S X Z E A Y A Q E H G E Z S A
 F O E O N X W F Z I A N R E S U T
 M G I I R T W G U R T G O D D S I
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 R I H C A P E S N T P D V Z D J A
 A L R K L V E L L O M M N U G D M
 C A E O B E L U C Y I E T I O J A
 L E S O S C A A E D R I S U L R S
 E H C L Q S F N S F T O B S E B C
 S Q U R S C W T S A I T U W I L D
 C D E A P G B M R E I C O J F A W
 V I L L A G E G P N D P Y J Z A H
 S K N A H T W G G I N V A S I O N
 M O D G N I K S N G I S S T A N D