

Series - The Kingdom Agenda

Date/s - 19 November 2017

Topic - The Restoration of the Kingdom

Speaker/s - Pastor John Koe

Welcome [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

www.thesource4ym.com/games/

www.christianitytoday.com/smallgroups/articles/icebreakersbeyond.html < go to LEAD, click on ICEBREAKERS >

Worship [15 min]

You may select songs like "O Praise The Name", "Only Jesus" or "Reward".

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the cell discussion, cell members will:

1. Know our calling as citizens of the Kingdom
2. Commit to sharing the good news with others
3. Manifest God's glory in our lives.

Word [45 min]

Ps John Koe spoke about the Kingdom agenda – the restoration of the Kingdom (Matt 4:17, Luke 4:43). Jesus came to restore a Kingdom that was lost at the Fall, not to start a religion. In His ministry, Jesus spoke about repentance for the Kingdom of God is near. Through Jesus, we have reconciliation with God. Jesus came to re-establish God's reign on earth.

Jesus is our good King, and His kingdom is good. Jesus demonstrated how man is made complete in the Kingdom.

- Sickneses are removed (Matt 4:23)
- Demons are driven out (Matt 12:28)
- All needs are met (Matt 6:33, Matt 6:10, Luke 12:32, Matt 10:7-8, John14:12 and Heb 12:26-28)

We are called to do work – work for the Kingdom. This work is to preach on the Good News and to manifest the King's glory on earth! Jesus initiated the work of the Kingdom and the church is to complete this.

Pastor John gave a recap on Jews vs Gentile Believers (shared in part 1)

Jews	Gentile Believers
Do not believe that Jesus is the King	Do not yield to Jesus as our King
Expect to receive only a natural Kingdom, and are blind to the spiritual one	Expect to receive only a spiritual kingdom, and are blind to the natural one.

1. God's Kingdom is both spiritual and natural.
2. The restoration of His kingdom is first spiritual, then natural.

Pastor John talked of famines, humanitarian crises, shortage of water and earthquakes. He shared how these are the beginnings of birth pangs (Matt 24:8, Matt 24:14). There is a clash of the earthly kingdom and God's Kingdom. This is the great and unprecedented end times shaking! He also spoke about the importance of preaching the gospel of Christ (Matt 24:37). We can take up citizenship in God's kingdom by believing in Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. **What is the "Kingdom of God"? What authority do we have as citizens of God's Kingdom?** [10 min]
2. **Read Matthew 24:14. Jesus told His disciples to preach the gospel to the whole world. Christians are often not effective in doing so. How can we be an influence in our world today and preach the good news of God's Kingdom?** [10 min]
3. **We have a vital role to play in God's Kingdom Agenda. Share with the Cell what God has placed in your heart as your unique and vital role in this season of your life.** [10 min]
4. **Read Matthew 24:37-39 on Jesus' comparison of the last days with the days of Noah. Jesus is returning! Are we ready? Share a specific thing that you will do to be ready for Jesus' return.** [10 min]

Works [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Every RiverLifer understands the urgency/ shortness of time, always being mindful in positioning well where God has placed him/her, sharing and showing the way to Jesus.

Announcements

1. Love Out Loud (Christmas gift market)

Sundays, 10 Dec & 17 Dec | 10.30am - 2pm | Fellowship Atrium

This Christmas, love someone in your home, workplace, neighbourhood or on the streets with a gift!

The Gift Market features a thoughtfully curated mix of vendors offering Christ-centered gift items. Let God's love be revealed as you give cheerfully this Christmas!