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Identity & Purpose

Kingdom Restoration by Jesus

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

The kingdom of God is the primary message Jesus preached, emphasizing the restoration of what Adam lost. Understanding our role in God's kingdom involves seeking His influence in every aspect of life. This study explores how Jesus restores the kingdom and our dominion as intended by God.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 6:33

Key Takeaways

- God created humans to have dominion over the earth.
- The kingdom of God is the central message of Jesus' teachings.
- Jesus came to restore the kingdom that Adam lost.
- Seeking the kingdom first aligns our lives with God's purpose.
- Religion alone cannot fulfill the human spirit's need for the kingdom.

Introduction

Understanding the restoration of God's kingdom through Jesus is essential to grasping our purpose and dominion on earth. This study delves into how Jesus' teachings and mission focus on restoring what was lost through Adam, emphasizing the kingdom's influence in every aspect of life.

Scripture Reading

- **Genesis 1:26** — This passage highlights God's intention for humans to have dominion over the earth, setting the foundation for kingdom life.
- **Matthew 6:33** — Jesus instructs to seek the kingdom first, emphasizing its priority in our lives.

Key Points

1. God's Original Design — From the beginning, God created humans in His image with the purpose of having dominion over the earth. This establishes the concept of kingdom life, where humanity was meant to rule and steward creation under God's authority. The idea of dominion is not about exploitation but about responsible stewardship and reflecting God's character in managing the earth.

- Reflect on how you are exercising dominion in your personal and professional life.
- Consider ways to steward resources responsibly, reflecting God's character.
- Pray for wisdom to understand your role in God's kingdom.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26

Key Points (cont.)

2. The Kingdom Message of Jesus — The kingdom of God was the central theme of Jesus' teachings.

He preached about the kingdom as a present reality and a future hope, focusing on restoring what was lost through Adam's fall. Jesus' message was not just about personal salvation but about the restoration of God's rule and reign in every aspect of life.

- Study the parables of Jesus to understand the kingdom principles.
- Evaluate how the kingdom message influences your daily decisions.
- Share the kingdom message with others, emphasizing restoration and hope.

3. Restoration Through Jesus — Jesus' mission was to restore the kingdom, enabling humanity to reclaim the dominion and purpose intended by God. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus provided a way for us to live under God's rule, experiencing the fullness of life in His kingdom. This restoration is both a personal transformation and a communal calling to live out kingdom values.

- Reflect on areas of your life that need restoration through Jesus.
- Engage in community activities that promote kingdom values.
- Pray for the restoration of relationships and situations in your life.

4. Living Under Kingdom Influence — We are called to seek the kingdom's influence in all areas of life, ensuring everything is under God's jurisdiction. This involves prioritizing God's kingdom above all else, aligning our lives with His purposes, and allowing His rule to guide our decisions and actions. Seeking the kingdom first means living with an eternal perspective, where God's values shape our priorities.

- Identify areas in your life where God's influence needs to increase.
- Set goals that align with kingdom values and priorities.
- Regularly assess your life to ensure it reflects kingdom principles.

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What does Genesis 1:26 reveal about God's original intention for humanity?
- How does Jesus describe the kingdom of God in His teachings?
- What are some key characteristics of the kingdom of God according to Jesus?

Interpretation

- Why is the concept of dominion important in understanding God's kingdom?
- How does Jesus' message of the kingdom differ from traditional religious teachings?
- In what ways does Jesus' mission restore what was lost through Adam?

Application

- How can you actively seek the kingdom of God in your daily life?
- What changes can you make to align your life more closely with kingdom values?
- How can you contribute to the restoration of God's kingdom in your community?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for wisdom to understand your role in God's kingdom.
- Seek guidance to align your life with kingdom values.
- Ask for strength to promote kingdom values in your community.

Next Step

Reflect on how you can actively seek the kingdom of God in your daily life and make changes to align with kingdom values.

Conclusion

The restoration of God's kingdom through Jesus is a profound truth that calls us to live under His rule and reign. By understanding and embracing our role in His kingdom, we align our lives with God's purpose, experiencing the fullness of life He intended. As we seek His kingdom first, we participate in the restoration of all things, reflecting His glory on earth.

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