

The Gospel according to Luke – Part 11

The Kingdom of God

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: The Kingdom of God (mentioned 40x by Luke)

Scripture Theme Song: “This is a faithful saying” (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

- 1) The Present and Future aspects of Kingdom of God
 - a) Luke 11:1-2
 - i) What kingdom is Jesus referring to here?
 - (1) Luke 17:21 - present
 - (2) Luke 1:32-33 – future
 - b) The promise – Luke 12:21-32
- 2) Citizens of the Kingdom of God
 - a) How many are called to become citizens of the kingdom of God?
 - i) Luke 19:10 – all who are lost (everyone)
 - ii) Matthew 22:14 – why are few chosen?
 - iii) Luke 9:59-62 – responding to the call
 - b) Luke 18:16-17 – character of citizens
 - i) What characteristics of a child are important for a citizen of the kingdom of God?
 - c) Luke 18:18-27 – the miracle of citizenship
 - i) Why is it a miracle that anyone becomes a citizen of the kingdom of God?
 - d) Luke 18:28 (see also Luke 9:23)– the cost
 - e) Luke 18:29-30 – the blessings of citizenship
- 3) The Kingdom of God in our midst
 - a) Luke 17:21
 - b) What signs provide evidence that the kingdom of God is in our midst?
 - i) Matthew 11:2-6
 - ii) Luke 11:14-20
 - iii) The testimony of changed lives - Luke 19:10
 - c) What evidence have you seen to confirm that the kingdom of God is in our midst?
- 4) The Kingdom of God to come
 - a) Luke 21:25-36
 - b) 2 Peter 3:10-14
 - c) How can we be assured that we will have a place in the kingdom of God that is to come?
 - d) What thoughts come to your mind when you think about the coming kingdom of glory?
- 5) Witnesses of the Kingdom of God
 - a) Acts 1:1-3 – the present or future kingdom?
 - b) Acts 1:4-8 – the promise of Jesus
 - c) How can we be certain that this promise of Jesus is also for us today?
 - d) Matthew 28:18-20
 - e) How does the Holy Spirit help us to be effective witnesses for Jesus?
 - i) Matthew 10:18-20
 - ii) John 14:26
 - iii) John 16:7-14
 - f) Share a time when the Holy Spirit has helped you share the Good News about the kingdom of God.