



Key for Sermon Notes

1) EXAMINE OUR Gospel

- What was the gospel that Jesus preached?

Mark 1:14-15 Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news."

- What's the Kingdom of God?

It's the OVERLAP!

Heaven is not so much a place that you go as a person that you are near. Heaven is nearness to God's Presence and everything that flows from that (his rule, goodness, power, resources, etc). Hell is separation from God's Presence. 2 Thes 1:9

- Overlap of Heaven and Earth was always God's Vision

Bookends of the Bible

Gen 1-2 Garden of Eden

Rev 21:10-27 New Jerusalem

2. Seek it AS OUR Treasure

- Matt 6:33 Seek first his kingdom...
- Matt 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.
- Two problems with thinking that the main thing Christianity has to offer is a ticket to get to heaven when you die.
 1. The payoff is disconnected with this life.
 2. The payoff is a place you go rather than a person you are near.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends.

James 4:8 Draw near to me and I will draw near to you.

Jer 29:13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Luke 12:31-32 But seek His kingdom... Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

3. EMBRACE THE Holy Spirit

- Jesus tells us that the presence of the Holy Spirit in us is better than the presence of Jesus beside us.

John 16:7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

1 Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you..

- God's plan is that we experience the Kingdom Overlap primarily through holy spirit.

Rom 14:17 The Kingdom of God is ... in the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Note the context of this verse. Luke 11 starts with the Lord's Prayer calling down heaven. Then Jesus immediately tells a story illustrating the importance of bold asking and then Luke 11:13. This is all one related thought about praying for the Kingdom and getting the Holy Spirit.)

4. CALL DOWN Heaven in Prayer

- Matt 6:9-10 This, then, is how you should pray:
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- Call down heaven in all the circumstances of our lives ... in the Miraculous, the Mess and the Mundane

Mark 9:23 All things are possible to him who believes.

2 Cor 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.