

Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now

When we pray, “Your kingdom come...on earth as in heaven,” we demonstrate our trust in what we cannot see. We cannot fully see God’s kingdom around us yet, but our prayer is also our calling to reflect God’s reign in our daily lives. His kingdom is already here, and by studying Scripture, we discover what it means to live faithfully in the kingdom now.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What do you think is happening in God’s kingdom right now?
- How do you define humility?



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READ [Matthew 6:9-3](#), [Romans 14:17](#), [Micah 4:1-5](#), [Matthew 25:35-40](#), [Philippians 2:5-8](#), [Acts 2:42-47](#), [Revelation 11:15](#), [1 Corinthians 15:58](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney discussed the characteristics of God’s reign: righteousness, peace, joy, and *shalom* that are rooted in the Spirit and expressed in community. Where do you see Christians living this way well?
- In segment 2, Darrell and Scott showed us that, as Darrell said, “Living the kingdom is not always dramatic.” But when we choose acts of kindness, humility, sacrificial love, and obedience to God’s will, we’re living the kingdom. What can you do to remind yourself of this truth in your daily life?
- How would you answer Darrell's question, “What would happen if our church or community started to take this kingdom vision very seriously?”
- What situations and brokenness in our world do you think have us and all creation “craning our necks” and eagerly anticipating the full inbreaking of God’s kingdom in our world?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Matthew 5:1-12](#), [Matthew 23:11-12](#), [Acts 1:1-11](#), [Romans 8:18-25](#), [Romans 12:9-21](#), [Leviticus 19:9-10 and 33-34](#)

CONCLUSION

We help make the coming fullness of God's kingdom believable by living as citizens of his kingdom here and now. We live this in our daily lives every time we choose peace, advocate for justice, care for and protect the people on the margins of our society, stay faithful, and hold onto joy and hope. Close your time of reflection in prayer. Pray for the places and people in whom you see God's kingdom already, that they would have the strength and courage to continue. Pray for opportunities to live into his kingdom more fully in your everyday life.

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