



### How to use Talk it Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family / friends turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

### Pastor Tim's Main Idea:

Because Jesus' reason for coming was to speak about the Kingdom of God, it should be the message of the church today.

### Key Questions:

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- How important was the subject of the Kingdom of God to Jesus?
- How does our understanding of the Kingdom of God effect the mission and purpose of the church?
- Identify one teaching of Jesus on the subject of the Kingdom of God and explain what it means to you.

### Next Steps

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- Take time to reflect on whether you identify yourself as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. How does that make you feel?
- Take time to write down the various principles that Jesus taught concerning the Kingdom of God and identify ways that it effects your life.

### Daily Bible Readings

Learn more about what God's Word says about the Kingdom of God by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- Day 1: Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15
- Day 2: Luke 4:43
- Day 3: Luke 9:2
- Day 4: Acts 1:3
- Day 5: Matthew 24:14
- Day 6: Colossians 1:12-14
- Day 7: Matthew 13:44-52

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## Part 3: The Peculiar Church



*"Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*

*Colossians 1:12-14*

### What is the Kingdom of God?

#### 1. The Beginning Message of Jesus

*"From that time Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 4:17*

*"The time has come," he said, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news.'" Mark 1:15*

#### 2. The Missional Reason of Jesus

*"But He said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.'" Luke 4:43*

#### 3. The Training Message of Jesus

*"And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing." Luke 9:2*

#### 4. The Final Message of Jesus

*"To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God." Acts 1:3*

*Acts of the Apostles, Page 30*

#### 5. The Last Day Message of Jesus

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14*

### Early Adventist Understanding of Mission

*"The whole heathen world is dotted with missions.... Three-fourths of the earth's surface is under Christian government and influence," and "the missionaries that have been, now for half a century, at work have leavened almost every quarter of the globe.... This looks very much as though the above prophecy [Matthew 24:14] were about fulfilled." Review and Herald, April 16, 1872 article by D.M. Canright*

### Four Assumptions of the Easy Adventist Understanding of Mission

1. The gospel had already been preached in all the world
  2. A movement within Christendom
  3. Presupposed the ability to read
  4. Missionaries were requested
- Mission Possible, Oosterwal*

*"The burden of our message should be the mission and life of Jesus Christ. Let there be a dwelling upon the humiliation, self-denial, meekness, and lowliness of Christ.... Show to your hearers Jesus in His condescension to save fallen man." The Work of the Minister, Advent Review & Sabbath Herald, 9/11/88*

*"By many who have been engaged in the work for this time, Christ has been made secondary, and theories and arguments had first place.... They have not had views of Jesus, and have not proclaimed the fact that, where sin abounded, grace doth much more abound.... What a loss it is to the soul who understands the strong claims of the law, and who yet fails to understand the grace of Christ which doth much more abound." 1 Selected Message, pg. 383-384*