

TOPIC	BE CONSCIOUS OF THE KINGDOM
DATE	Sunday, June 29, 2025

MEMORY VERSE	“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall he added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.
BIBLE TEXT	1 Chronicles 29:10-12

INTRODUCTION
<p>The kingdom of God is also known as the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 19:23-24). The concept of the kingdom of God takes on various shades of meaning in different passages of the Scripture. A general understanding of God's kingdom program will help every believer key into the plan and purpose of God for mankind. Moreover, the concept of the kingdom of God is generally considered to be the central theme of Jesus' teaching.</p>
LESSON OUTLINES
<p>A. ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD</p> <p>B. SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD</p>
<p>A. ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD</p> <p>God's kingdom comprises three aspects: a Universal Kingdom, a Mediatorial Kingdom, and a Spiritual Kingdom.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Universal Kingdom: This is God's eternal sovereign rule over all that exists; the entire universe (Daniel 4:3). In this kingdom, God rules in absolute sovereignty over all His creation. Psalms 47:2, 7-8. 2. Mediatorial Kingdom: God uses divinely chosen human representatives to speak on His behalf and stand in the gap for His people. God is constantly seeking people who will stand in the gap over territories (Ezekiel 22:30). The Scripture records the special encounters and insights given to these representatives about God's will for mankind and His provision to save sinners. The Mediatorial Kingdom will end with the thousand-year (millennial) reign of Christ upon the earth (Revelation 20:4-6). This will be the concluding link between human history and the eternal kingdom. Revelation 21; 22. 3. Spiritual Kingdom: This kingdom is an invisible kingdom that exists in the hearts of believers in Christ Jesus (Luke 17:20-21). Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). He preached that repentance is necessary to be a part of the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:17). The kingdom of God can be equated with the sphere of salvation that must be entered into by being born again (John 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). It is the spiritual realm over which God reigns as king, or the fulfillment on earth of God's will. Matthew 6:10

B. SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus admonishes His audience to first seek the Kingdom of God and its righteousness (**Matthew 6:33**). To seek the Kingdom of God is to, as a matter of priority, hunger and thirst for the rule and reign of God in our lives with Jesus being in charge (**Matthew 5:6; 6:9-10**). Remember that seekers always find (**Matthew 7:7**). We must also be willing to submit totally and obey His will as we come under the lordship of Christ and He is in control of our lives. The main benefit of the kingdom is the forgiveness of sins (**Acts 3:19; 5:31**). It is not rules and regulations but "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" **Romans 14:17**.

CONCLUSION

We are equally commanded to witness to others that the kingdom of God is open to all who will surrender their lives to Jesus. **Matthew 3:2, Mark 16:15-16**.

QUESTIONS

1. Explain the three aspects of God's kingdom.
2. How can you seek the Kingdom of God?