



8th Edition  
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## Newsletter

### *Kingdom Come*

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#### *Staff Outing*

*There is NO Staff outing this weekend. I hope everyone has a great rest of their summer and a great school year! :)*

*You all will be missed!!*

This summer we have gone through the book "*Kingdom Come*" by Nathan Oates.

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." But how does this actually happen? How can we participate in bringing the "then and there" to the "here and now?" If we are designed to join with Jesus in ushering in the reign of God what do we do? What are some simple, practical steps we can take to be shaped and formed by this new ultimate reality called "resurrection?" And, how can we experience resurrection – the triumph of Christ over sin and death – in a way that makes a difference where we live today?

We have talked through seven ways to bring Heaven to Earth in the here and now. Those 7 ways include eating, worship, know & be known, learn, serve, see God, and name & be named.

The point is that the church has become exceedingly good at talking. We discuss the gospel more than we proclaim it. We study the Bible more than we obey it. We talk about the Kingdom more than we bring it. This lesson series was designed to be a catalyst to action, not to further discussion.

The Kingdom of God involves two great moments: fulfillment within history, and consummation at the end of history.

"(Jesus) did not simply assure people of the future fellowship of the Kingdom; he invited them into fellowship with himself as the bearer of the Kingdom" - George Eldon Ladd



It comes to this:

You can watch and wait for the Kingdom to arrive. Or you can participate in the arrival of the Kingdom here and now.

You can hold on until Jesus returns and makes things right. Or you can get on with making things right here and now.

You're either a spectator or an athlete.

You're either an observer of the work of God or you're a participant in it.

You either recognize that Jesus called you "the light of the world," that you're designed to bring clarity to confusion and to push back the darkness, or you ignore your identity and deny responsibility.

You either believe Jesus mean it when he instructed his disciples to pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" or you believe he was mistaken.

May we participate in the coming the Kingdom of God in, through, and around us.

On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Amen.

-Nathan Oates



## **Christian Meme of the week**

Christian dating be like...



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