

What is the Kingdom of God? (Extending God's reign, Temple stones, Only find it in community)

Luke 17:20-21 New International Version 1984 (NIV1984)

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

1 Corinthians 6:19 English Standard Version (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

1 Peter 2:5 New International Version (NIV)

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

IMPLICATIONS:

1. The Gospel is the Good News that God has crossed the breach and invited us to be a part of His work here and now.
2. The Gospel is the Good News that we do not have to wait until we die to experience the power of God at work in our lives. He has initiated relationship with us.
3. The Kingdom of God is a real and present reality here and now. God is in the business of redeeming and restoring what sin broke in the world. He is looking for partners, and everyone, everywhere is invited to be a part.
4. The invitation of the Gospel is always toward community. We will never be truly able to experience the Kingdom of God without intentional, spiritual relationships with others.



WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Welcome to Southeast Christian Church. We are a church full of people who are either growing in our faith or are just beginning to ask questions about God. Our desire is to start, grow, and love together as a community of imperfect people.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a small group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, stop by the Connections Studio. It is located just inside the main entrance and is open Sunday mornings before, during, and after services. You may also send an email to connect@southeastcc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the website or stop by the Connections Studio in the lobby for more information.

Weekly Support Groups

southeastcc.org/support-groups
AA, Breast Cancer, Renewed Hope, SA, Widows Walking Together

City Youth Group

High School - Monday Night
Middle School - Wednesday Night
southeastcc.org/students

Womens Ministry This Week

southeastcc.org/women
Tuesday Night Bible Study, Finishing Well, Moms Groups, A Praying Place, Bloom

Sept 18 | Worship: Choir Newbie Night

southeastcc.org/worship

Sept 21 | Men: Breakfast

southeastcc.org/men

Sept 26 | Class: Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus

southeastcc.org/sitting-at-the-feet

Sept 29 | Connections Class

southeastcc.org/connections-class

Sept 29 | Night of Prayer

southeastcc.org/prayer

NOTES: WHAT IF GETTING OUT OF HERE ISN'T OUR ONLY OBJECTIVE?

Our Archeology Experiment:

Matthew 3:1-2 New International Version 1984 (NIV1984)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17 New International Version 1984 (NIV1984)

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Acts 19:8 New International Version (NIV)

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.

What is the Gospel?

"Since providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus, whom she filled with virtue that he might benefit humankind, sending him as a savior, both for us and for our descendants, that he might end war and arrange all things, and since he, Caesar, by his appearance [excelled even our expectations], surpassing all previous benefactors, and not even leaving to posterity any hope of surpassing what he has done, and since the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the good news for the world that came by reason of him."

—Taken from an inscription found in Priene

This is Jesus' Message:

Matthew 9:35-38 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 4:43 New International Version (NIV)

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 8:1 New International Version (NIV)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,

Luke 16:16 New International Version (NIV)

The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.