

Text: Matthew 9:16-17

Seven Key Comparisons

- Comparing _____ to Jesus.
- Comparing people's _____ to Jesus' _____.
- Comparing _____ to the kingdom.
- Comparing rejection and _____.
- Comparing _____ to redemption.
- Comparing _____.
- Comparing the ordinary with the extraordinary.

God's Kingdom is Uncontainable

What is the Difference?

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Do you think that we are living in transformational times that are like the 1960's? Why or why not?
- From your observations, is the current American church revolutionary? Why or why not?
- Think of the seven comparisons Matthew gives between 8:23 and 9:33. How does your experience of Christianity compare? Is it like Jesus' demonstrations of the kingdom? Or, is it the earthly norm?
- Which of Matthew's seven key comparisons stands out to you? Why?
- What are some ways American culture tries to contain Christianity?
- In your opinion, how does the American church try to make itself appealing to the world? Is this a kingdom attitude or a worldly one? Why?
- What makes the kingdom of God different from every earthly institution and system?
- What steps can you take to ensure that you are living out the kingdom?
- How can the church align itself with the kingdom of God as described in Matthew chapters 8 and 9?
- How might a kingdom aligned Christian or church impact the surrounding community?