

Text: Acts 1:1–3

The Importance of the Kingdom of God

- The concept of the kingdom is introduced at _____.

- The kingdom of God is _____.

- _____ is about the kingdom.

Describing the Kingdom

- The kingdom of God is God's final _____ in human affairs.

- The kingdom of God is the _____.

- The kingdom of God is _____ not a place.

- The kingdom of God is both _____.

Life Enrichment

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

- Of the three Christian holy days mentioned in this week's introduction (Christmas, The Resurrection, and Pentecost), which do you enjoy most? Why?
- Why do you think Pentecost should get equal status with Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection?
- How are being made in God's image and the kingdom of God connected (see Gen 1:26-28)? Why is it important?
- Why do you think Jesus taught so much about the kingdom of God?
- How is the gospel more than a formula for "getting saved"? How does seeing the good news as "the gospel of the kingdom" deepen our understanding of salvation and discipleship?
- How has God intervened in human history? What is our role in that intervention?
- What are some of the actions that indicate the presence of God's kingdom? Why do you think so many modern Christians have no concept of the supernatural actions that prove God's kingdom is among us?
- What can we do to make certain that God's kingdom is present and active in and through us? What are you going to do this week to participate in God's kingdom?