

Study 7: Kingdom Communities

As in the Old Testament, God's plan is that salvation should result in a kingdom, a people that exist for His name. This study will look at the new communities of the kingdom of God.

A. Ambassadors for Christ

Read 2 Corinthians 5:10-21 and 12:9-10.

1. What motivated Paul to preach the gospel?
2. Who was Paul living for?
3. How did this affect him?
4. What does this mean that God "reconciled us to Himself through Christ"?
5. What impact did this have on Paul?
How has it had an impact on you?

B. Caring for One Another

Read Acts 4:32-37.

1. Describe what life in this kingdom community was like.
2. How is this different from what you see in the world?
3. What is necessary to have this kind of community?
4. Is this God's desire? Read John 13:34-35.

C. Partakers of Christ

Read Hebrews 3:12-14 and 10:23-25.

1. Is there danger to those who are in Christ? What is it?
2. What has God provided to offset the danger?
3. How can others help you in this way?
4. How can you help others?

Conclusion

1. Are you growing in your salvation? How are you able to share this with others?
2. How does God want you to participate in His community of faith?
3. How have you recently overcome temptations? Were you able to share this with someone else?