

## Sermon Series Notes

BASED ON READINGS FROM THE YEAR A PERICOPE, CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (NPH)

### *Kingdom*

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**Tagline: Four Weeks on How God's Kingdom Comes to Us**

This series for the Sundays after Pentecost takes note of the Gospels' use of the phrase *the kingdom of heaven*. In the first gospel, Jesus speaks regarding who he has come for. The next three gospel readings involve Jesus teaching about the *kingdom of heaven* through parables, and the last gospel reading focuses on God's providential care over all those within his kingdom. And so this series strongly focuses on God's sovereignty and control over bringing us into his spiritual kingdom through faith.

I'm sharing with you some of the notes we put together for our church services. You'll find:

- Sunday's theme, which ties into the over-arching sermon series
- A short prayer based on the theme for starting worship
- The readings based on the 3-Year pericope, with extremely short summaries of the readings which we put in the worship folder

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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##### ***Who the God's Kingdom is For***

Heavenly Father, I thank you for bringing me into your kingdom of peace and rest. In your kingdom, I find deliverance from the burdens of sin in my life. And you have called me into your kingdom through the good news of Jesus' great love for me. Thank you. In your reigning name I pray, Amen.

**Joshua 23:1-11** Now that God has completed his deliverance of Israel and they are entering peace, he calls them to hold fast to his revealed Word.

**Hebrews 4:1-11** God promises peace and rest for all those who enter through belief in the good news and his word.

**Matthew 11:25-30** Jesus calls into his kingdom all those seeking rest from their burdens of sin.

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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##### ***How the Kingdom is Given***

Heavenly Father, today I thank you for your Word. Through your gospel message, I have learned how my sins are all forgiven and how through that forgiveness you call me into your kingdom. I thank you that your Spirit through the Word did all the work of creating faith in my heart, and so be with me as I share that Word with others for the Holy Spirit to continue his work. In your powerful name I pray, Amen.

**Isaiah 55:10-13** God sends his Word for our joy and his renown.

**Acts 18:1-11** God's word accomplished his goodwill.

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** You only need to focus on spreading the word.

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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##### ***How the Kingdom Operates***

Heavenly Father, I thank you that in the coming Judgment, I will be found innocent and just in your site, thanks to Jesus. Keep my eyes bent towards the future when you will come again to do away with all sin and sorrow. In your royal name I pray, Amen.

**Joel 3:12-16** Joel prophesies the coming judgment as a great harvest.

**1 Peter 4:1-8** A coming judgment is no excuse for allowing sin to remain in our lives.

**Matthew 13:24-33, 36-43** In the final judgment, all sin will finally be done away with.

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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##### ***How the Kingdom is Acquired***

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Lord, today I will be reminded that the greatest wisdom, the greatest treasure, the most valuable thing in all the world is the gospel message. Through it I am made truly, infinitely, completely rich, rich in your grace and forgiveness, with a sure future. Help me to share this wealth and wisdom with all in my life. In your costly name I pray, Amen.

**1 Kings 3:5-12** Solomon asks for the one true treasure: Godly wisdom.

**1 Timothy 6:17-21** Paul desires that we seek to produce true treasure: deeps of love motivated by the gospel.

**Matthew 13:44-52** Jesus tells us hold onto the gospel as if it's the most valuable treasure in the world, because it is.

#### **11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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##### ***God Provides for All in His Kingdom***

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Heavenly Father, in this series I have learned how your kingdom has come to me through your Word, and how in your kingdom I am fully forgiven and am ready for the Final Judgment. Today you remind me that, because I am in your kingdom, you will provide all that I need in life. Thank you for gracious beyond comprehension to me. In your reigning name I pray, amen.

**Genesis 41:41-49** God uses Joseph for the providing of many.

**1 Timothy 4:4-5** We receive all that we need as gracious gifts from God.

**Matthew 14:13-21** Jesus miraculously supplies, so we know he can meet all our needs.