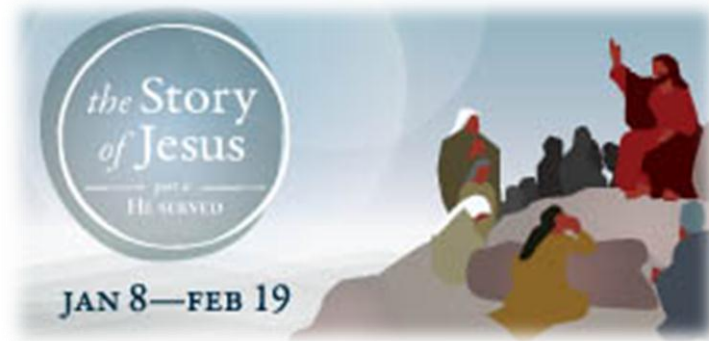


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Jesus and the Kingdom

Getting Started – fun questions

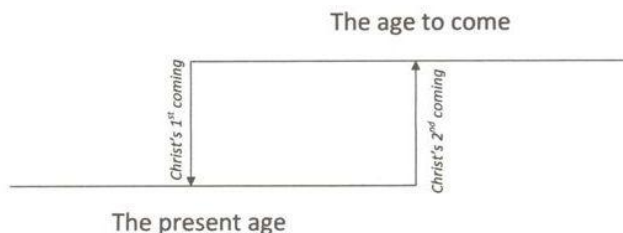
- What are a couple of things you remember about your grandparents?
- I wish before I got married someone had told me _____?

Reflect

- Read together James 4:13-17
 - At first blush, what are some of the things we could assume is the Lord's will for us? (Maybe not the particulars of where we will go or what we will do tomorrow, but how we choose to live our lives out today.)
 - As we pray, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done...", are some of the above thoughts in line with the message of the Kingdom of God and the expansion of the Kingdom of God through us?

Discuss

1. What is the Kingdom of God/Heaven? Consider the graphic.



- It is both present and future (Matthew 21:31)
- It is a place where people do the will of God (Matthew 7:21)
- It costs everything (Matthew 13:44-46)

Also consider the following from Matthew: 3:2, 4:17, 5:3, 5:10, 5:19-20, 6:10, 8:11, 10:7, 11:11-12, Matthew 13:11, 24, 31, 33, 52, 16:19, 18:-4, 23, 20:1, 22:2, 23:13, 25:1, 12:28, 19:16, 24.

2. Repentance and Belief is the way we enter the Kingdom of God? (Mark 1:14b-15, John 3:16, Romans 10:10). When did you make this commitment? How did it happen?
3. Transformation is the result of living in the Kingdom of God? (Romans 12:2). How has your life been transformed since repenting and believing? Dallas Willard calls in a "long obedience in the same direction." How have you been used to transform the world, as a sign of the Kingdom?

Prayer