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Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 4:23-25

Summary – Jesus prefaces His first recorded sermon with the phrase, “The Gospel of the Kingdom”. We renamed Jesus’ teaching the Sermon on the Mount probably because we have lost the vocabulary to understand kingdoms. To regain this knowledge we need to see the big picture of the Old Testament beginning in Eden and ending in Babylon.

Scripture – Genesis 1:26-28, 3:4, 4:22-23, 6:4, 8:20-21, 15:1-18; Exodus 19:4-8; 2 Samuel 7:8-13.

Community Group Questions:.

Introduction

- Why were the 39 books of the Old Testament written?
- “When we forget our identity, Satan creates a new one for us.”
- “The kingdom crumbles quickly when man depends on his own resources.”
How are you ruling your “kingdom”? (self, marriage, children, etc.)
- “Vengeance always breeds vengeance.” (Cain,Lamech,etc.)

Covenants

- God is looking for our hearts to “AMEN” His promises. Why do we so easily move to doubt?
- Discuss the importance of realizing we are all “unreliable and not very bright”?
- “He will not abandon His plan.”
- “Will I choose for myself, or will I choose to say, only God knows the way?”

Sermon on the Mount

- The Sermon on the Mount is the Gospel of the Kingdom. Matt warned us to “prepare to be offended!”