

### **Luke 10:5-11**

- ✓ We speak a lot about the Kingdom of God, but mainly because it's just terminology in the Bible and not so much because we understand the concept of a kingdom much less what God's Kingdom really is.
  - ✓ When Jesus spoke of Heaven, Church, or salvation HE, spoke of it mainly terms of "the Kingdom of God."
  - ✓ **Matthew 19:14; Matthew 4:17; John 3:3**
  - ✓ **Matthew 13**; Jesus tells 7 parables and about Heaven and about the church and about salvation, but He almost never mentions those words, every parable begins with the "Kingdom of Heaven is like"
  - ✓ **Luke 10: 9, 11**; "The Kingdom of God has come near you" – "it's here, it's available, you can become part of it, "The kingdom is here because the King Himself is here."
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### **1. We really don't have a very good concept of Kings or Kingdoms.**

- ✓ We have never lived under a king; our forefathers left Europe to escape kings, and we revolted and threw off England and their king over 240 years ago.
  - ✓ In a democracy, we stress our freedoms and our individualities and rights and the democratic process, and this makes it quite difficult for us to understand a kingdom.
  - ✓ Part of the rub and our difficulty walking with Jesus is that we think like Americans and not as subjects of an eternal kingdom.
  - ✓ First and foremost, a democracy is about the individual, that they are able to do whatever they choose to, a kingdom is the exact opposite; it is first and foremost a statement about the King.
  - ✓ We talk about Kingdom work and being kingdom minded and being a part of God's Kingdom, but most of our talk about the kingdom paints a picture of kingdom with a vacant throne!
  - ✓ All forms of government have their limitations whether democracy or monarchy and that limitation is the defeat of all that's human, namely sin.
  - ✓ A nation is only as good as those making the decisions: so, if it's a monarchy and that monarch is a sinner or a democracy and people are sinners, either way the system fails.
  - ✓ Rule of people is great until the people figure out that they can vote themselves large sums of money out of the public treasury, then they only elect those who will give them more of what their sinful hearts want.
  - ✓ Sin is the common denominator for the destruction of all forms of government.
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### **2. The greatest and best form of government is a monarchy with a perfect, sinless King.**

- ✓ A King who is always Just, perfectly benevolent, perfectly wise, perfectly powerful, perfect in all ways and never deviates from that, that is the kingdom of God
  - ✓ To be saved into God's kingdom is to embrace His comprehensive, sovereign rule over every aspect of life.
  - ✓ To be saved means so much more than just simply asking Jesus into your heart; it is accepting a new life, a new identity and a new kingdom and King.
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## Luke 10: The King and HIS Kingdom

- ✓ To be saved is to leave one kingdom for another: **Colossians 1:13**.
  - ✓ This is why repentance is key to this process.
  - ✓ Jesus preached: **Matthew 4:17**, repent = turn, leave, deny the old king and kingdom for the sake of the new one.
  - ✓ Everybody lives in a kingdom underneath a sovereign, Pick a (your) king!
  - ✓ You are either subject to the authority and power of the enemy of your soul, or you are subject to the authority and power of the Savior of your soul.
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### 3. To live in This Kingdom correctly means you have to choose His reign daily.

- ✓ **Luke 9:23**; To follow Him is the end of self, you can't follow two kings.
  - ✓ To follow Him is the end of your dreams (how can you follow Jesus' dreams and your own at the same time?), ambitions, goals, agenda.
  - ✓ This isn't a democracy, there is only room for one will and it cannot be yours!
  - ✓ You have to decide to follow either your own fallible, sinful, short sighted will or that of the sovereign Lord who is too wise to make a mistake, too loving to be unkind, perfect in all His judgments.
  - ✓ So, we preach a kingdom and nothing less, and we preach a King and **no one less**.
  - ✓ At Whose name every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess as Lord in the not-too-distant future.
  - ✓ We are sent to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, gospel means good news, the news is good, very good, your sins can be forgiven.
  - ✓ God, who is King, can become your friend, your comforter, your sustainer, your very life and will one day take you through death, and out the other side into the eternal life and eternal home He has prepared for you.
  - ✓ The News is very Good!
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