

The Kingdom of God: Our Hope for the Present and the Future

Week 7 notes

Week 1- 4: God's Kingdom is a present reality and our highest priority. It is planted rather than built, priceless but paid for, voluntary rather than forced, and belief in Jesus is required to enter.

Week 5: Faithfulness to the Kingdom is about the privilege of doing what the King has chosen us to do and doing it as the King Himself would do it.

Week 6: God's purpose for His Kingdom is be a blessing to all but this can only happen through the blessing we receive

Week 7: We can fail at God's intended purpose if we fall into any of the traps of sin

1. Matthew 5:13 – 16 Just because we are blessed does not mean we are effectively sharing our blessings (being salt and light) *note contrast with Matt 6:1 which is about our showing our deeds not our blessings*

2. Matthew 5:17 – 48 Traps that will make us ineffective

Matt 5: 17 – 20 The purpose of the law is fulfilled through the Kingdom

Matt 5: 21 – 26 Failure to deal with anger with reconciliation

Matt 5: 27 – 32 Failure to deal with lust with self control

Matt 5: 33 – 37 Failure to be men and women of our word

Matt 5: 38 – 48 Failure to practice love that is selfless and outward