

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

### **Week 8 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 blessings we receive

**Week 7:** We can fail at God's intended purpose if we fall into any of the 4 main traps: anger, lust, failing to do what we say, and failing to practice selfless love.

**Week 8: Spirituality is not a performance. It is an exercise of faith, living in light of the world to come and confident in the character of our Father.**

**1. Matt. 6:1-4 The secret practice of charity. Our blessings should show (Matt 5:13-16); our deeds should not.**

**2. Matt. 6:5-15 The secret practice of prayer. Prayer should be about our emptiness and God's sufficiency**

**3. Matt. 6:16-18 The secret practice of self-discipline.**

**4. Matt. 6:19-24 Live for eternity keeping your eyes of faith on the treasures of heaven**

**5. Matt. 6:25-34 Live for today keeping your eyes of faith on the character of God**

**Spiritual performance can become a substitute for the substance of our faith.**