

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

Kingdom Community

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this day and being our provider and protector on earth.

Guide us while we live under God grace

I pray that God will go where he left off and continue to use me in Detroit while I may my transition back to Detroit because I will not be returning to Kentucky any more in the future.

Thank you for not living in Bondage and temptation

Thank you for the food we eat on daily basis to avoid hunger and food insecurity

Thank you for guiding us from mammon and greed to make our life all about money.

Guard our hearts and minds while we live under your grace

Guard our hearts and minds from sins, idolatry, abomination and temptation

I pray that those people are envious and jealous of people that have more accomplishments and goals to achieve in their life.

Guide and give those people hope to set goals for their life and stop hating and being envious towards others.

In Jesus name, Amen

1. What does the Kingdom community really look like in our everyday lives? Is it just about church on Sunday or does it go deeper?
2. Think about the people you interact with daily at work, in your neighborhood, online. How can you bring kingdom values like love, justice and compassion into those spaces?
3. In what ways do you see our current society reflecting or rejecting the principles of a kingdom community?
4. What personal barriers might be holding you back from fully participating in and contributing to a kingdom-minded community?

Living in a Kingdom community requires an intentional shift in perspective away from worldly values to an eternal focus. Time is viewed as a treasure to be used intentionally for eternal purposes. This includes creating rhythms of priority that center around one's relationship with God. As Jesus taught, the Kingdom is advanced on earth through prayer. a person living in the Kingdom community would be moved to action when they see a need in their community, demonstrating a compassion that has been shown to them. a Kingdom community values and invests in face-to-face relationships, choosing connection over distraction. The True Kingdom community celebrates the diversity of its members while uniting them under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The purpose of a Kingdom community is not to withdraw from society but to permeate it with Christ's influence. Christians are called to be morally and socially distinct agents of love and healing in a decaying world. Forgiveness is essential to maintaining unity in a Kingdom community. When individuals choose to forgive, they build bridges rather than walls allowing God's Kingdom to expand in their midst.

- valuing humility over pride'
- generosity over accumulation
- peacemaking over conflict
- Thinking on things above

- Reorienting values
- Embody compassion and encouragement
- Offer a listening ear when someone is struggling
- Uphold integrity and honesty in your work
- advocate for fair and ethical practices within your organization
- Treat all colleagues with respect
- Offer to help a coworker who is busy and perform small acts of service
- focus on respectful, constructive communication

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”-Acts 2:42-47

The scripture follows the Holy Spirit's descent on Jesus' followers and Peter's sermon, which resulted in the baptism of 3,000 new believers. Early Christian community's devoted practices of apostolic teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. This nascent church was marked by shared resources, communal worship at the temple and in homes, and expressions of joy and gratitude. The believers were dedicated to learning and following the foundational teachings of the apostles, the substance of the early church's study. The community experienced a sense of awe due to the divine presence and the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Believers sold property and possessions to provide for anyone in need, demonstrating profound generosity. The community's unified and joyful life was pleasing to God and earned them favor with the wider population. It is time that we commit to bible teachings, engage in fellowship with other believers, prioritize communal and personal prayer, share meals and resources with one another, and live out our faith. Shared room housing situations need to be set up like a spiritual environment to have bible study with each other every week because it will end mental health and anger in those rental situations. People need to stop their stubbornness with our time and possessions to be willing to share with one another. Sharing is part of worship

When I was living in Houston in 2023, I was able to become a member of Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church. I was able to become a member of the church after I completed the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I was not allowed to attend Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church for their services and bible study every week until I completed the Spiritual Recovery Program. I was welcomed with friendliness and open arms with people with a positive attitude. It really was the best welcome of any church that I wanted to be part of and fellowship. The current pastors of the church are welcoming and friendly. I want to tell a true story about my welcoming to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013. Pastor James Meeks was not friendly to me and always looked at me in a negative way. He always avoided me and never greeted me. First Lady Jamell Meeks seems like she was the only person friendly to me at the time and on commencement when I graduated the new members program in 2014. Pastor staff at Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2014 are all gone that were friendly to me. Rev. Curtis Grant is a welcoming pastor of his church and very engaging pastor. He told me face to face that he supports my congregation and what the church does to help the homelessness and poor. He supports my motivation and commitment to serving and giving back to communities.

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”-Galatians 3:28

Paul's argument that salvation comes through faith in Christ, not adherence to the Mosaic Law. Paul argues that justification for being declared righteous in God's eyes comes through faith in Jesus Christ, not through works of the law. Paul's words challenge the social hierarchies of the time, where such distinctions carried significant weight. This spiritual unity in Christ should lead to a transformed life where believers treat each other with love, respect, and equality, reflecting the reality of their oneness in Christ. We need to start valuing each other's differences in this nation because we need to stop being judgmental to others. This applies to children and youth in this nation to stop being judgmental to others and start respecting their elders. People at any age need to stop judging one another to value each other's opinions and differences. It is time that we need to start treating each other as equals and stop the violence, crime and being judgmental towards one another.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”-Hebrews 10:24-25

The original audience of the book of Hebrews faced persecution, which made them tempted to abandon their Christian faith and meet together. The author stresses that the Christian life is not meant to be lived alone; community is essential for discipleship and mutual support. Believers are called to support and build up one another through spiritual guidance, prayer, and mutual support within the community. The passage calls believers to remain actively involved in their church community, intentionally looking for ways to inspire love and good deeds in others, especially when difficult times make it tempting to withdraw.

When I read the scripture, I think about times that I was feeling really depressed and dealing with financial difficulty. I needed financial resources for food or emergency purposes from my family. I was getting feedback from friends to tell me to pray and meditate. When I am dealing with grief, I always lean on friends and family on my biological father's side of the family. I want to tell you to join a support group if you are dealing with grief. This will prevent you from going to mental health and anger issues. If you are dealing with hopelessness, it is better to talk to a caring family member, pastor of a church, and a caring friend. If you are homeless dealing with grief and mental health, I encourage people to find a church home and talk to a deacon or pastor, join a celebrate recovery group and make friends with church members of the church. I still get frustrated towards people and things because people tell me stuff and live up to it. That kind of stuff still make me angry and frustrated that cause me start losing my patience with those people and things.