



BUILDING A KINGDOM CULTURE

Part 37

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Building Blocks of a Kingdom Culture

A People who...

1. Build a Kingdom Culture
2. OBEY
3. COMMIT
4. ARE AUTHENTIC
5. BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
6. GIVE WORTHY SERVICE TO THE KING
7. OFFER THEIR LIVES
8. ARE COMMITTED
9. WORSHIP TOGETHER
10. BLESS
11. TESTIFY TO THE RESURRECTION
12. GIVE THANKS
13. PRAY
14. MEET TOGETHER
15. ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBL Y
16. MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY
17. ARE READY TO TELL THEIR STORY
18. REPENT
19. LOVE THE HOUSE
20. INVEST WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM
21. FEED ON WHAT IS GOOD FOR THEM
22. WAIT FOR THEIR KING
23. SOAR LIKE EAGLES
24. EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT
25. PROPHECY
26. ARE GENEROUS
27. ARE AMBASSADORS OF THE TRUTH
28. IMITATE CHRIST
29. LOVE THE WORD OF GOD
30. OVERCOME
31. HAVE AUTHORITY
32. LOVE GOD
33. KNOW THE RESOURCES OF THE KINGDOM
34. LOVE PEOPLE
35. KNOW THE POWER OF HUMILITY
36. HAVE KINGDOM PRIORITIES

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‘Becoming a **people** whose **beliefs** and **behaviours** are increasingly **aligned** with the **heart** of **God**...

Revealing heaven to each other
and **to our world.**

*'Our Father who dwells in
Heaven, May Your holy
Name be honoured. Let Your
Kingdom come, let Your will
be done here in Elim Church
Aberystwyth as it is in
Heaven. Amen.'*

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Make Disciples

God Has Put Himself in the Picture

- Missing the Big News
 - December 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright,
 - “How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas.”
 - He totally missed the big news-for the first time in human history, man had flown!
- But how easily we sometimes miss what is right there in front of us?



A People Whose KING IS WITH THEM

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A People Whose KING IS WITH THEM

- To understand and celebrate how our King came to be with us
- To look at what kind of King we have
- To know that He is with us now
 - As individuals
 - As His gathered people
- To make sure we prioritise His presence

Imagine You are a Soldier

- ... heading into battle
- The king has ordered you to go while he remains safely in his palace
- Or – the king comes to the front line to head into battle with you
- Which King are you willing to give it all for?
- Our battle is not physical but He is with us!

Advent (Oxford Dictionary)

NOUN

- 1 The arrival of a notable person or thing.

'the advent of television'

+ More example sentences

+ Synonyms

- 2 The first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays.

+ Example sentences

- 2.1 *Christian Theology* The coming or second coming of Christ.

+ Example sentences

Origin

Old English, from Latin *adventus* 'arrival', from *advenire*, from *ad-* 'to' + *venire* 'come'.

Our King With Us

- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel
- One of the names given to Jesus, that we think about during advent
- Jesus Became One of Us

Emmanuel

- El = God
- Em = With / Beside
- Nu = Us

John 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him.... 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.... 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

How Jesus Teaches Us

- He is the eternal King
 - He is the Kingdom at hand
- He embodied the Kingdom here on Earth
- He showed us exactly what obedience to the Kingdom of God looked like
- We must seek Him and His righteousness
 - Seeking first the kingdom as we seek first the King!

King of the Jews?

John 18:33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”
34 Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” 35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” 37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

What Kind of King?

- Humble ^
- Gracious (Jn1 – full of grace and truth)
- He came to serve, not be served (Mk 10:45)
- Wise (Luke 2:40)
- Just (Parables)
- Merciful (Mt 20:30-34)
- Compassionate (Mt 9:36, 14:14, 15:32)
- Powerful (Mt 9:18-30 – issue of blood)
- Present (Immanuel then AND now...)
- Sovereign...

Not Only King of the Jews

- The King of Kings!

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in mid-air, 'Come, gather together for the great supper of God

- Sovereignty and Supremacy over His entire Kingdom
- No higher authority

With Us Now

- Omnipresence AND manifest presence
- Wherever two or three are gathered (Mt 18:20)
- I will be with you – even to the end of the age (Mt 28:20)
- In us (Col 1:27)
- It is good for you that I should go (Jn 16:7)
- Being Pentecostal people is to be people of His presence

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today.
I know that he is living, whatever men may say.
I see his hand of mercy. I hear his voice of cheer.
And just the time I need him, he's always near.
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today.
He walks with me, and talks with me, along life's
narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Prioritising and Honouring His Presence

- The King should have pride of place in our homes, work, family, choices, bank account, diary... and so on and so on!
- He is always with us
- Knowledge of His presence is vital to us
- We want His presence to be evident in our lives

A People Whose KING IS WITH THEM

- Our King is Emmanuel: Our God with us
- He is...
 - Humble – Gracious – Servant
 - Just and fair – Wise – Compassionate and merciful
 - Powerful – Present – Supreme and sovereign
- We can know that He is with us
 - As individuals and as his gathered people
- We must prioritise and honour His presence

Recognising Jesus

- Jesus is present in the faces of those He has asked us to love and serve (Mt 25)
- How many times have we missed His presence
- He is present in so many ways
- May you know that He is with you today