



Kingdom Culture Synopsis

Building a Kingdom Culture Part 38

Kingdom Culture

- Kingdom
 - ‘A territory ruled by a king’ (Oxford Dictionary)
 - The domain of the King... doing life His way
 - Heaven = His realm
- Culture
 - ‘the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society’ (Oxford Dictionary)
 - ‘How we do things around here’
 - Derived from words for growth and life

Building a Kingdom Culture

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

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

Citizens of Heaven

- Too often churches settle for being part of a commonwealth: enjoying occasional visits and with only the limited influence of their king.
- We can be a people of a kingdom where the King Himself resides and has full reign and authority.
- We want the way we do things around here to be the Way of the King of Kings.

What is an 'Acts 2' Church?!

42 And they **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the **prayers**. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many **wonders** and **signs** were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were **together** and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** **praising God** and having **favour with** all the **people**. And **the Lord added to their number** day by day those who were being saved.

Aspects and Determinants of a Culture

- Language
- Values
- Traditions and customs and rites of passage
- Context
- Belief / faith systems
- Creative expressions (art / music etc)
- Food
- Clothing
- Authority / Government

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 HUMBLLY
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
37. KNOW THEIR KING IS WITH THEM

A People Who Know Their King is With Them

- 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
 - 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... 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.

A People Who Know Their King is With Them

- 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

A People Who Know Their King is With Them

- The King should have pride of place in our homes, work, family, choices, bank account, diary... and so on and so on!
- He is...
 - Humble – Gracious – Servant
 - Just and fair – Wise – Compassionate and merciful
 - Powerful – Present – Supreme and sovereign
- He is always with us – Emmanuel, God with us
- We must prioritise and honour His presence

A People Who Have Kingdom Priorities

Matthew 6:25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

How We Seek First the Kingdom

- Seek first the King
- Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (Ps 37:4)
 - What He wants will become what we want
- Offer yourself fully to Him and be transformed by the renewing of you mind (Ro 12:1-2) = know his will

A People Who **Have Kingdom Priorities**

- The things of this world are not to be our priority
- Jesus has shown us what it means to perfectly seek first the Kingdom and righteousness
- Seeking the King, following Him and seeking righteousness are our priority
- We can make choices today that will align ourselves more with this priority

A People Who **Have Kingdom Priorities**

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

— C.S. Lewis

- ‘High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art’

A People **Who Love People**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

- **Why is the second like it?**

God loves us so much and is so involved in our lives that the way we treat one another is directly related to how we treat Him (Matt 25:40)

A People **Who Love People**

- God is Love and He has shown us perfect love
- Loving People is Tantamount to Loving God
- We love People by giving them our time, by speaking life, by trusting them, by learning about them, by showing love in action and in talking to them and revealing Jesus to them
- Let us be a People who Love God and Love People

A People **Who Love People**

- 'Show me who You are and fill me with Your power, lead me in Your love to those around me'



A People **Who Love God**

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- ‘I will put my trust in You alone’
- ‘There is none beside You’

A People **Who Love God**

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

A People **Who Love God**

- God is Love
- He has shown us perfect love
- We love Him with our time, praise, trust, study, action, sharing Him



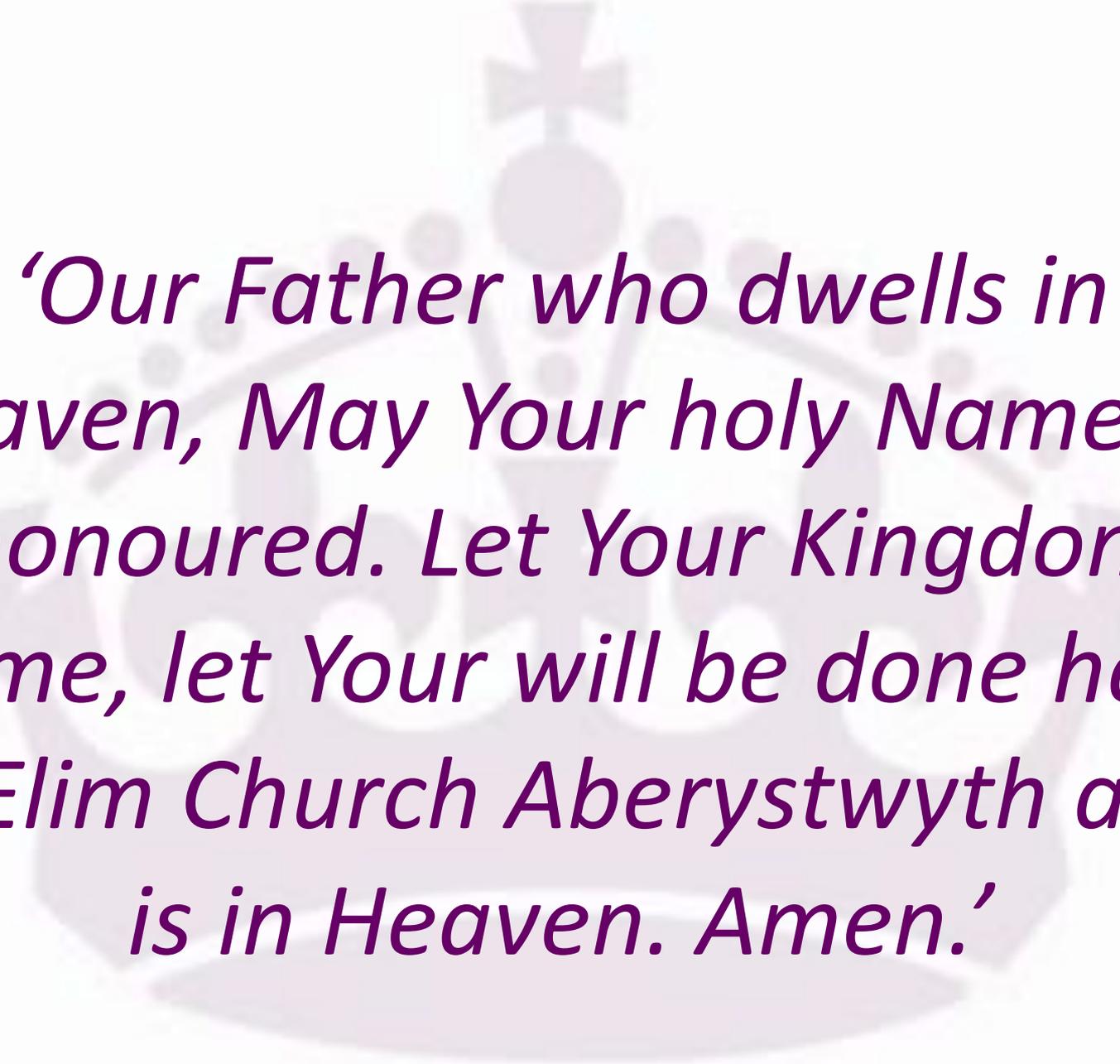
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LOVE PEOPLE **CARU** POBL

Make Disciples



*‘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.’*