

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Kingdom Come
Luke 17:20-37



Big Idea

When The Kingdom Comes, There Will Be No Time to Preserve Life, And the Whole World Will Know It!

1. Kingdom Come is both here/now and hoped for, not yet.
2. When the kingdom comes, the whole world will know it.
3. There is no time to try to preserve life when the kingdom comes.

Introduction

Relate a time when you experienced something that was totally contrary to your expectations. How did you react? How did a re-alignment of your expectations change how you viewed things? Changed your actions?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 17:20-37

According to Jesus, what were the Pharisees missing in their expectations concerning the kingdom of God? What aspect of the kingdom of God did Jesus' address with the Pharisees (vs 20-21)? With the disciples (verses 22-37)?

How do people today miss the kingdom of God like the Pharisees? What is the problem with not anticipating the coming kingdom of God?

As Jesus teaches his disciples about the approaching kingdom of God, what does he caution them about in verses 22-23? How might we fall into that trap today? How can we avoid it?

How will Jesus' return be like the lightning (verse 24)? What will Jesus' return have in common with the time of Noah and Lot? How might this motivate us to live?

In verses 32-33, Jesus uses the example of Lot and his wife as one who tried to preserve their life but lost it (Lot's wife) versus one who lost their life but saved it (Lot). How did Lot's wife try to preserve her life and thus lost it? In what sense did Lot "*lose his life*" but preserved it? What does this teach us about how we should live in light of Christ's coming return?

Compare and contrast the one "*taken*" to the one "*left*" in verses 34-35. How does Jesus' answer to the disciple's question in verse 37 shed light on the fate of the one taken? What warning is Jesus giving here and how might that motivate us to live?

How might you use this teaching about the kingdom of God to share the gospel with a friend or family member?

Next Steps

Consider three ways that Christ's first coming transforms your life today.

Reflect on three things you might do this week to prepare for Christ's coming return.

Share the good news of the "hear and now" kingdom of God and the warning of the "coming" kingdom of God with someone this week.

Prayer

Thank Jesus for ushering in the kingdom of God and the hope of his return. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.