

# KINGDOM COME

## Good News of the Kingdom

Matthew 13:1-23

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Matthew 13:3-9

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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- \_\_\_\_\_ here but \_\_\_\_\_ complete.
- God’s kingdom reign is an \_\_\_\_\_ for the future and an \_\_\_\_\_ now.

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How did we get lose the richness of the good news?

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1. The good news must be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The good news must be \_\_\_\_\_.

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Thorny Soil:

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Questions based on the sermon from October 6, 2024

## Getting to Know Me

1. Share some good news or a highlight from the past week.
2. Do you find Jesus' parables helpful or challenging? What is your favorite parable?

## Digging Deeper

3. We often think of the 'gospel' or 'good news' as strictly a spiritual message and the 'kingdom' as simply a private spiritual reality. How did the sermon on Sunday expand your understanding here?
4. Sometimes it helps our understanding to put ourselves in the biblical story. What would it be like to hear Jesus teaching in parables to multitudes from the shore?
5. What happens to the seed in each type of the soils described in Matthew 13:4-8?
  - Hardened path:
  - Rocky soil:
  - Thorny soil:
  - Good soil:
6. In Matthew 13:19, what does Jesus say that the seed represents?

7. What new understanding did Sunday's sermon bring to understand 'the message/good news of the kingdom'?
8. If the seed of the good news is the same but the soils are different, how does each type of soil impact the ability for the seed to get rooted and grow?
  - Hardened path:
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9. How does Matthew 13:23 inspire hope about the potential fruitfulness of sharing the good news of the kingdom?

## Making it Personal:

10. In what seasons of your life have you experienced the different types of soil?
11. Share an experience where you shared the gospel with someone who responded favorably. If you can't think of one yourself, share a story about someone who did.
12. Who will you share the good news of the kingdom with this week?

## Prayer: "Popcorn Prayer"

Begin with someone opening in prayer. Then, go around the room, each person praying for the names of those God brings to mind who need

good soil to receive the Gospel. Conclude with someone praying for all the people mentioned.

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