



Doctrine Discussion Guide

Week 16 | Kingdom

What things in this world hinder you most from your commitment to and love for Jesus?

Theological Truths | CF Statement of Belief

We believe in the imminent, visible, and personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His literal reign of 1,000 years on earth. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 22:20*

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the eternal blessedness of the saved in a literal heaven, and the eternal punishment of the lost in a literal hell. *Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46*

Passages for Study

Revelation 20:1-6

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. 4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

- In what ways do you see Genesis 1-3 reflected in this passage?
- If you were to put in your own words what the millennial kingdom will be like, how would you explain it? (see *Isaiah 2:2-4 and Zechariah 14:16-21*)
- How would your life look differently if there were no satanic assaults?
- How would life look differently if the government was run by Jesus?
- What difficult cultural conversations would be resolved?
- How does the Millennial Kingdom and the final rebellion seen in *Rev 20:7-10* illustrate that the main problem we have has to do with our hearts?

Hebrews 10:12-13 - Already but not yet Kingdom

12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Matthew 25:13 - The Ten Virgins

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

- In your own words, what does it mean that Jesus' Kingdom is "already but not yet"?
- What about the future millennial kingdom applies to how you live your life today?
- What are some things in your life that you look forward to God restoring & redeeming?
- In what ways might God be calling you to live with more of an eternal perspective?
- What are some injustices in today's world that you look forward to being remedied?

Read the Big Idea: The same as last week

Live with anticipation! John seeks to motivate us not to compromise with the world but to align our thoughts and behavior with the God-centered standards of the new creation.

Remember the big idea from last week - remain faithful to His call and the teaching of Scripture! Live with expectation and follow His commands to preach the Gospel to a dying world, that more would be able to enter His eternal Kingdom.