



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Jesus and The Kingdom of God

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Mark 1:14-15

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Sermon Summary:

What is the Kingdom of God, and why does it matter for our everyday lives? This Sunday, we'll explore one of Jesus' central teachings in the Gospels—the good news that the Kingdom is near. Together, we'll discover what this means for us today and how God calls us to live in response to it.

Sermon Questions:

1. What is your favorite line from a movie or show?
2. Pastor Rich defined the kingdom of God as “what the world looks like when Jesus is in charge.” We all have a kingdom- where what we want to happen, happens (preferences, time, money, priorities). Describe what is important in your kingdom?

Jesus' kingdom has authority over our kingdoms- our kingdoms are too small, fragile and broken.

3. What does the world look like when God's kingdom is near?

Feel free to give examples. When Jesus's kingdom is near God's presence is radically accessible and what's become normal doesn't have to remain final.

4. The Kingdom of God disrupts what we have come to believe is unchangeable. What is an example of something in your life you have given up hope in presently or have given up in the past and God turned it around?
5. How have you heard repentance defined? What has been your impression about what repentance means?

Pastor Rich shared that repentance is to let go of the usual way of doing things. It is a re-alignment of your life that moves toward God. It means to start orienting your life according to the good news that is generous instead of clinging, praying and blessing enemies instead of seeking revenge, telling the truth when a half truth would make us look better, extending hospitality for those who can't pay us back, etc.

6. Take time to pray for God's kingdom to come

When Jesus' kingdom comes it leads to greater freedom. Your kingdom under God's kingdom leads to greater freedom. Your kingdom come, my kingdom go.