

**I. The kingdom can be sought; it cannot be made.**

- A. The Bible speaks of us *seeking* the kingdom and *praying for* the kingdom.
- B. No human institution is incorruptible
- C. The church will remain through all ages – but ...
- D. The coming of the kingdom (in all senses) is in God's hands.

**II. The kingdom of God is better than the kingdoms of the earth.**

- A. A kingdom not made with hands (Daniel 2:31-45)
- B. Kingdoms of the earth
- C. The kingdom of God (John 18:36; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 2:14-16; Romans 1:1-5; Matthew 13; Luke 17:21)

**III. The kingdom is the deep rule of God.**

- A. To pray “your kingdom come” is to pray that all things will be obedient to God.
- B. Eschatological (Psalm 98:7-9)
- C. Historical – that peoples and families and churches will obey God in all things
- D. Personal – our own hearts (Romans 14:17)
- E. What does it mean for God to rule *in us*?
- F. What does it mean to live as lights? (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16)

**IV. The kingdom of God is real and to be seen right now.**

- A. When people follow Jesus, God's rule is seen. (Luke 9:23)
- B. In Scripture and worship see the rule of God.
- C. In all blessing and beauty, all death that leads to life, all sacrifice that leads to joy – we see the blessings of this king. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

**V. What asking for God's kingdom to come means**

- A. We know that something is deeply wrong with the world.
- B. We know that we cannot make it right ourselves.
- C. We know that we *may not even know what right looks like* sometimes.
- D. We know that we are even part of the problem we see.
  - i. the prophets ran into this head-on (Isaiah 6; Habakkuk)
- E. Thy kingdom come!